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Guess Who's Coming to Denver?

Anti-Gay Pope Goes to Anti-Gay State; Dignity Responds with Prayer Rally

by David O'Connor

Some 250 lesbian and gay Catholics spoke out in Voices That Challenge, a prayer rally held August 8 in Denver in anticipation of Pope John Paul II's visit there this week.

Organized by the gay Catholic group Dignity, the Denver vigil was matched by simultaneous rallies in 85 cities across the United States.

On August 12, the pope will attend the World Youth

Conference, a gathering of hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world. The conference is put on every year by the Catholic Church.

President Clinton will meet with the pope in Denver as part of a two-week business and pleasure trip.

"I'm very, very excited" about meeting the pope, Clinton told reporters. "I'm looking forward to the visit and I'm honored that he's come to

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Homophobia Kills at Random in Middle America

by Beth Harrison

RALEIGH, North Carolina — Although President Clinton had hoped to push the debate about gays in the military to a back burner, a mass shooting in Fayetteville, North Carolina, threatens to return the debate to national attention.

Luigi's, a restaurant popular among Fayetteville's many military residents, was the scene of a deadly rampage on the evening of August 6, by Army Sergeant Kenneth Junior French, a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg. French allegedly entered the eatery with two 12-gauge shotguns, a .22-caliber rifle, and extra ammunition. Then, after shouting about gays in the military, he opened fire.

The violence left four people dead: restaurant owners Peter Parrous, 73, and his wife Ethel, 65; James F. Kidd, 46, of Wheaton, Illinois; and Wesley Scott Cover, 26, of Fayetteville. Six others were

wounded, including the suspected gunman, who was shot by police.

Warrants issued August 7 charge French, 22, with four counts of first-degree murder and six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Police continue to search for a motive for the shootings, saying they still do not know the reason for French's actions. French was drunk at the time, and apparently chose the restaurant at random.

"I'll show you Clinton"

According to the Associated Press, Dawn Gabriel, a waitress at the restaurant, said, "He was just talking about gays in the military. He said, 'I'll show you Clinton.' He was shouting, 'You think I'm not going to do this.' He said, 'I'll show you about gays in the military.'"

Gabriel also said that at one point, French laid down

Closeted Priest Found Murdered

by Dennis Conkin

Napa police are investigating San Francisco leads — and a gay angle — in the brutal murder of a popular North Bay Roman Catholic priest who was found stabbed to death in his Napa home last Thursday.

Ronald Maupin, 47, was discovered murdered in his bedroom about noon on August 5, after he failed to attend a morning meeting at Queen of The Valley hospital in Napa.

Maupin, a one-time member of the board of directors of the Napa Valley AIDS Project, had been the director of pastoral care for the 110-bed acute care facility in Napa.

Maupin's body was discovered in his duplex at 4059 Tokay Street by his mother and the wife of a Lutheran pastor associated with the hospital chaplaincy, after he failed to appear for work.

Maupin, according to Napa police homicide investigator Edward Knutsen, was last seen alive at the Pendulum



The Reverend Ronald Maupin was found stabbed to death last week.

Bar, a popular gay bar at 3146 18th Street in the Castro on August 4 at about 8 p.m.

Police believe that Maupin's killer stole his car, a 1990 metallic blue Toyota Celica bearing the license plate number 2RZX158, but declined to comment on the crime scene or release any de-

tails regarding the homicide.

Maupin had worked at Queen of the Valley Hospital since 1987 and had served as head chaplain of the five-person department since 1990, according to hospital spokesperson Kathleen Adams.

"Everybody in the hospital

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on the table under which she was hiding. He then "stuck the muzzle in his mouth like he wanted to kill himself."

Instead of firing, she said, the gun was out of ammunition, but the gunman reloaded and "then he got up and started shooting again."

Despite his statements, family and friends of French said they had not known him to be upset about President Clinton's new policy regarding gays in the military.

Elaine Sears, French's fiancée, told police she knew of no problems French had with the new policy.

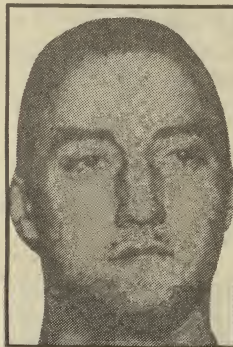
His half-sister, Renee Buholz of Zephyrhills, Florida, said, "When we heard about this, it was a shock. We said, 'Hey, this is not our brother. It may be his body, but it's not him.'"

Family members suggest that a poor relationship with his father may be at the bottom of the younger French's violence.

"I know he didn't do this spiritually," French's mother, Sandy, told reporters. "It was his dad's spirit that did this, not him. He was abused by his dad physically and verbally ... I guess something just snapped. His father had possessed him when he did the shootings."

Junior, Sr.: the excuse

Relatives and other family members have confirmed that French's father, Junior French, was physically and verbally abusive toward his son. Junior French shot him-



Army Sgt. Kenneth French

self to death two years ago after he was caught sexually molesting young girls, according to French's mother.

Police confirmed on August 9 that French told them in a spontaneous statement that he wanted to kill his father. According to a police spokesman, French blurted to an officer in his hospital room, "I would have shot him, but he was already dead."

Except for that statement, French has refused to speak with investigators and has requested an attorney.

Police do not consider French's statement about his father to be a motive for the violence, though. "I don't think that was a motive at all," Fayetteville Police Lieutenant D.W. Pulliam said. "Not more than his displea-

sure with gays in the military is a motive."

Mary Guy Mendini, a Durham attorney, pointed out that, given the question of any motive, a criminal insanity defense could be possible depending upon whether French was aware of the nature and the quality of his actions at the time of the shootings.

Mendini also asked, "Why has this not received national attention the way other cases like Crae Pridden's case did? I'm very concerned about that. Why are we not hearing about this, given that Clinton's name was used repeatedly?"

Pridden was beaten earlier this year by three Marines allegedly upset about Clinton's pledge to let gays serve in the military.

President Clinton's press office has been silent on the Fayetteville incident.

Off base? We don't care

Army officials also had little to say about French or the shootings. Sergeant Ritchie, a Fort Bragg spokesperson, initially responded to inquiries by asking, "What statement is there for us to make?"

When pressed, he said, "Since [the assault] occurred off base, it's not as of yet something in the military domain."

French, a vehicle mechanic, has been in the Army since June 1989.

He is in civilian custody in the hospital ward at Central

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1993's Other Gay March on Washington

There hasn't been very much publicity about it, but on August 28 thousands of people of all races are expected in Washington D.C. to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington for civil rights. That was the march where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

What most people don't know is that that March for Jobs, Peace, and Justice was organized by an openly gay African-American man — Bayard Rustin.

To remember Rustin and to gain visibility during the anniversary march and rally at the Lincoln Memorial, several black gay and lesbians who helped organize the gay March on Washington in April have created the ad hoc Bayard Rustin Commemorative Alliance. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is also organizing lesbian and gay participation.

For information on the Alliance call Gregory Adams at (202) 546-7188. For NGLTF activities, call Linda Yanney at NGLTF: (202) 332-6483. ♥

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Community News

Only God Can Make a Tree, but Others Are Welcome To Plant 'Em

by Dennis Conkin

Volunteers from the non-profit Friends of the Urban Forest, aided by scores of residents, will plant more than 100 trees from 18 different species of trees in the Castro on August 14.

The tree planting is the culmination of more than six months of negotiations and planning with representatives of the Castro Community Business Alliance and area residents, according to FUF's Mel Johnson.

The funds for the project were provided by the California Resources Agency, in an attempt to mitigate the noise and pollution by the new F/Market Street Muni line.

The trees include flowering cherry and plums, magnolia and Victorian box, but the

most common tree to be planted will be *Tristania conferta* — or Brisbane box — the species of tree most visible on 14th Street near Davies Hospital parking lot, Johnson said.

All of the trees to be planted will be delivered to a resident's house on 17th Street and residents who are receiving trees will assist volunteers in picking up and planting their trees.

If a tree dies within two weeks because it was diseased, FUF will replace it for no charge, but if it dies because of neglect or improper care, residents in the program who wish a replacement may purchase one for a nominal fee.

The species of trees are

chosen for their ability to thrive in an urban climate, according to Johnson.

Friends of the Urban Forest is a non-profit corporation that began as a volunteer group, planting its first tree on Arbor Day in 1981. Since then it has planted more than 14,000 trees throughout San Francisco, and has developed a reputation as one of the nation's most respected citizen's tree planting groups.

FUF invites the general public to participate in the tree planting. Volunteers and neighborhood residents will begin work at 8 a.m. at 3920 17th Street near Hartford. A potluck will follow.

For more information about this planting or the organization, call Friends of the Urban Forest at 543-5000. ▼

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Boy Toy Production's performance drew criticism at a Los Angeles fundraiser

(Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)

by Rene M. Astudillo

An AIDS fundraiser and the National Asian/Pacific Islander (API) HIV Leadership Conference in Los Angeles turned sour the night of Friday, July 30, after a San Francisco performing group angered API women and lesbians with an entertaining act impersonating Tina and Ike Turner. The women were upset over the wearing of "blackface" by the Asian performer posing as Tina, and by the subsequent stage act showing her being hit by Ike. The act was clearly lifted from the movie, *What's Love Gotta Do With It*, based on the life of Tina Turner and portraying her as a "battered" woman.

The performing group was part of Boy Toy Productions, whose members are Asian singers, dancers, and impersonators. The group had performed the same controversial act recently in San Francisco, during the Supermodel gay beauty pageant at the Palace of Fine Arts. Their San Francisco performance went without any adverse criticism or incident.

After the Los Angeles performance, however, representatives of the protesting women took to the stage to denounce what they saw as the "racist, sexist, and misogynist" undertones of the act.

The occasion was billed "Enough is Enough: No More Tears, No More AIDS," and was a fundraiser organized by AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT). Proceeds of the dance, held at the popular Circus Disco on Santa Monica Boulevard, were to be used for AIDS outreach, education, and services to the Asian-American Community. The women who protested were participants in the API HIV Leadership Conference at the New Otani Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Changed agenda

Their anger flowed over to the second day of their conference, Saturday, prompting conference organizers to set aside the planned agenda and to convene separate caucuses of men and women to discuss the unfortunate incident. The women felt that their male counterparts in the conference who were present during the Friday night incident did not support their protest.

Speaking through chosen representatives, the women said they were upset by the wearing of "blackface," for the same reason many of them had protested against the wearing of "yellowface" by British actor Jonathan Pryce in the London version of the musical, *Miss Saigon*. "We are in solidarity with our

brothers and sisters from the African-American community," they exclaimed. They also decried excuses of "mere entertainment" to glorify physical abuse against women. In reporting the incident to the conference, the women said that what escalated their anger was the fact that some men, belonging to one of the organizing agencies as well as club staff, dismissed their protest and confronted them outside the club in a threatening manner.

The men's caucus assured the women of "solidarity with their concerns," and vowed to take back to their home agencies — as well as to their personal lives — the lessons learned from the incident, particularly in terms of sensitivity to women's issues, including racism, sexism, and misogyny.

However, there were a few participants, both men and women, who felt frustrated that the conference had to veer away from the scheduled agenda because of the incident. While they recognized the issues raised by the women, they felt that too much time had been taken away from the main issue of HIV and AIDS. Another caucus of APIs living with HIV, viewed as "the first ever in 12 years," also expressed the need for more time and focus to address their specific concerns. ▼

Sexual Abuse and HIV: Is There a Connection?

by Rene M. Astudillo

Recent studies indicate that young men are increasingly sexually active, engaging in sex exclusively with other men, with both men and women, or with women only. And the 1992-93 Young Men's Survey (YMS) conducted in San Francisco and Berkeley raises some concern about the kinds of sex they are having. When the study was recently released it made headlines, chiefly because of its finding that unsafe sexual practices are on the rise among its target group.

Almost totally overshadowed by those findings were some other shocking data, regarding the incidence of sexual abuse among young men who have sex with men. The fact that almost half of those surveyed reported a history of forced sex or sexual abuse points to the need to further investigate how such history could affect the risk of HIV infection in young men who have sex with men, and how it influences their sexual behavior.

The YMS was conducted by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Human Services, and units of the Centers for Disease Control. The survey was primarily aimed at estimating the prevalence of HIV infection, as well as markers for hepatitis B virus and syphilis among 17-22 year old men who have sex with men.

Of the 425 respondents who reported they had sex with men or who self-identified as gay or bisexual, 41 percent indicated a history of forced sex or sexual abuse.

More significantly, there appears there may be a link between sexual abuse and unprotected sex: of the 174 who reported a history of sexual abuse, 41.4 percent said they had unprotected anal sex within the six months prior to being surveyed, compared with only 26.7 percent of the 251 respondents who did not report any form of sexual abuse. The study also shows, although the figures may not be as significant, that there is a higher rate of HIV infection (12.6 percent) among those with sexual abuse histories than among those not report-

ing any such history (7.2 percent).

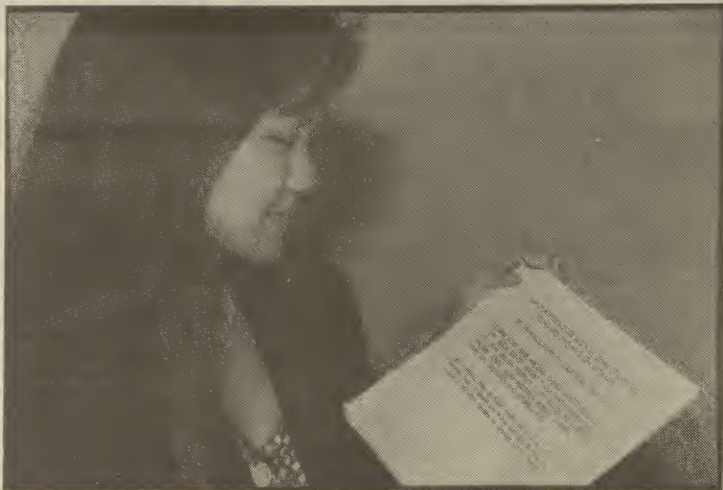
Anne Hirozawa, epidemiologist at the San Francisco Department of Public Health's AIDS Office and a collaborator for the YMS, cautions against sensationalizing the findings. She told the *E.A.R.* that the data on sexual abuse history were based on the survey question, "Have there been times when guys more powerful than you have forced you to do sexual things you didn't want to do or have touched you in ways that didn't feel right?" Hirozawa pointed out that some respondents who answered "yes" to the question may not have been necessarily thinking about rape or sexual abuse; it is possible that they were responding based on some other past traumatic sexual experience. "It could mean anything from lack of self-esteem to the inability to negotiate

for safer sex with one's partner," she explained.

In any case, Hirozawa believes the question should be followed up to qualify the respondents' answers, to determine if there is an explanation for the high incidence of unprotected anal sex among those who reported histories of forced sex.

"Sexual abuse among the youth is a real issue," says Phil Clark of the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC), "and it comes up a lot in the drop-in groups as well as in the hotline." He says that for the most part, the abuse is "profoundly traumatic" for young people, especially when it

happens within the family circle or with more powerful, older men. LYRIC provides a "safe space" for young people to be able to address their concerns, including sexual abuse. Clark encourages young people with such concerns to call the anonymous and confidential hotline at (415) 863-3636. ▼



Ann Hirozawa, epidemiologist at the San Francisco AIDS Office, said follow-up study is needed on possible links between sexual abuse and HIV infection. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

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National News

How to Waste \$1.3 Million

Pentagon Buys, Then Hides, Rand Report on Gays in Military

by David O'Connor

While military leaders keep saying gays don't belong in the armed service, studies to the contrary are piling up inside the Pentagon — studies that officials won't talk about.

In late July, the Rand Corporation gave the Pentagon a plan for integrating lesbians and gays into the military. That report was ignored in drafting the so-called compromise set to take effect October 1.

The Pentagon will not release the Rand report although some 45 congressmembers have signed a letter requesting the report be made public.

"The Rand Corporation researchers, having analyzed this issue from every angle, have concluded that there is no logical justification for maintaining the current ban," Senator Barbara Boxer wrote in a separate letter to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin.

"No resolution of this issue can be reached when key information is intentionally ignored and a study that directly contradicts the position of top military officials is purposefully withheld from the Congress and the American people who paid for it," Boxer wrote.

The bill to the American people was not inconsequential: \$1.3 million.

The situation is reminiscent of earlier reports, conducted by the Pentagon itself,



Senator Barbara Boxer

that concluded the gay ban is unjustified. Two reports remained under wraps until U.S. Representative Gerry Studds (D-Massachusetts) succeeded in making them public. Alyson Publications presented them in the 1990 book, *Gays In Uniform*.

Studds' press secretary Brendan Daly said his office has been told by the Pentagon that the Rand report is not ready for distribution. But Daly said he doesn't believe that.

"When it's information that they don't agree with, they don't want it out," Daly said. "Information we've received

is that the report shows there's not a problem with lifting the ban and Rand is not a liberal group."

Daly said he is confident that pressure from Congress will eventually bring the report to daylight. If it has not been released by the time Congress reconvenes September 8, a bill may be introduced requiring the report be made public, Daly said.

Rand, a conservative research group long associated with the military, said opposition to gays in the military comes from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and not by the majority of military personnel.

Assuming a complete end to the ban on gays would occur, the report presented a detailed set of guidelines for carrying out the new order. It called for an emphasis on behavior and suggested a list of specific behaviors that would be unacceptable for all personnel.

The report was compiled by a team of two dozen historians, economists, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, doctors and lawyers. Researchers analyzed military and civilian work forces where gays serve openly with straights. They visited Canada, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, and Israel, as well as fire and police departments in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, Houston, and San Diego. ▼

New York Travel Alert: Killer of Gay Men at Large

United Press International

NEW YORK — A gay and lesbian organization posted fliers in Manhattan bars Friday, August 6, warning men of the danger of going home with strangers while a suspected serial killer is still at large.

A \$10,000 reward was also offered for information leading to the killer's arrest and conviction.

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project distributed the blue and pink fliers in popular gay male gathering places, including The Townhouse in east midtown and the Five Oaks in Greenwich Village, which were frequented by three of the possible victims of the suspect killer or killers.

"We are giving safety tips to people, like suggesting that if you meet someone you might want to go home with, be sure and introduce him to a friend or the bartender as a precaution," said Matt Foreman, a spokesperson for the project.

The reward flier offered \$10,000 for information that would help identify the slayer of three of the five possible victims — Michael Sakara Jr. and Anthony Morrero of New York and Thomas Mulcahy of

Boston — and unnamed "others."

On August 5, the name of a fifth man was added to the list of possible victims of a suspected killer with a surgeon's skill for dismembering the bodies of his prey before scattering the remains along highways in three eastern states.

Investigation of slayings that might be the work of a serial killer led Rockland County New York and New York City police to the 1991 murder of Peter Anderson, 54, of Philadelphia, last seen alive at The Townhouse.

Dismembered parts of his body were found in eight plastic bags deposited in trash barrels along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Police said Anderson, a banker, was believed to be visiting New York on a political fund-raising event when he went to The Townhouse and possibly met his killer there.

The Townhouse was the place where another possible victim on the list, Morrero, 44, was seen before parts of his body were found in six bags discarded along a highway in Ocean County, New Jersey, May 10, police said.

Morrero was identified as

a male hustler working out of bars near the Port Authority bus terminal in Manhattan.

New York authorities also are cooperating with Rockland County police in their investigation of the death of Sakara, 56, a New York Law Journal typesetter. He was last seen alive last Friday in the Five Oaks piano bar in Greenwich Village.

Sakara's severed head and arms were found Saturday in two bags in a garbage can in Haverstraw, New York. His torso and legs have not yet been found.

Other cases of a similar nature include the slaying of Mulcahy, 57, a Boston sales executive, whose body parts and personal possessions were found in seven garbage bags along roadways in Ocean County in July 1992. Police said Mulcahy was known to patronize gay bars on business trips to New York.

Also found in July last year was the body of Guillermo Mendez, 50, a Cuban refugee who moved to Schenectady, New York, from New York City. His head was discovered in a cemetery in Rotterdam, New York, and the rest of his body was found in a dump, police said. ▼

Heaven Cent Relief:

5,000,000 Pennies Gathered by AEF

by Dennis Conkin

From its humble beginnings in August 1987, when bartender Fred Skau had one olive jar and a goal of collecting a million pennies to help cash-strapped people with AIDS, the AIDS Emergency Fund Pennies Project has become fifty times more successful than Skau dared dream. The project will commemorate the collection of 50 million pennies over the last six years at Pennies Day, a celebration at Justin Herman Plaza, on Thursday, August 26, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The project originally intended to raise a million pennies (\$10,000) by Christmas 1987, but immediately exceeded all of its expectations, raising more than \$24,000 in four months — and the Pennies Project was on its way to becoming one of San Francisco's best loved, and most successful AIDS organizations.

A year after Skau set out the first collection jar at the Gate, a Pine Street bar, the project had more than 250 jars in companies, schools, and businesses throughout

San Francisco — and had raised more than \$100,000.

Now, with more than 360 penny collection jars around the Bay Area, the group estimates it will have raised more than \$500,000 by Penny Day.



The coins are collected and processed by a group of seven volunteers, then delivered to a local bank that machine-counts the funds.

Direct financial assistance

More than 4,000 people with AIDS and disabling ARC have received direct fi-

nancial assistance from AEF since its inception.

The organization estimates that 92 percent of the funds reach people with AIDS at a time of crises to help pay for rent, utilities, food, medication, and other essentials, according to Jack Murgia, the coordinator of the project.

Clients receive up to \$500 a year in emergency financial assistance per year.

"The Pennies Project shows that it doesn't take much to help people. Most fundraisers ask people to write a check, but we just ask you to bring your pennies," Murgia told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The group chose Justin Herman Plaza at the foot of Market Street at the Powell Street cable car turnaround, because it wants to involve the Embarcadero area in fundraising efforts, he said.

A representative of Mayor Jordan will present a proclamation naming August 26 Pennies Day in San Francisco.

For more information about the event contact AEF at 441-6407. ▽

Dolores Street Church To Be Rebuilt

by Dennis Conkin

The 90-year-old Dolores Street Baptist Church and its community services center will be rebuilt, it was announced this week by Jim Lowder, executive director of Dolores Street Community Services.

A building fund has been established to help defray costs of rebuilding the church and the Victorian house at 208 Dolores Street that served as a community center to more than 40 community groups — and approximately 3,000 people — a week.

The \$2 million structures burned on August 2. Initial reports speculated that the fire may have been accidentally started by an encampment of homeless people near the site. The church operated a small homeless shelter at the site, as well as two other homeless programs not located in the facilities.

"We have heard of no official cause of the fire from the Fire Department. We know only that it started between the two buildings," Lowder said at an August 10 press conference. "The preliminary report on the Victorian is that the foundation was unharmed and that the building can be repaired and re-opened within a year or sooner."

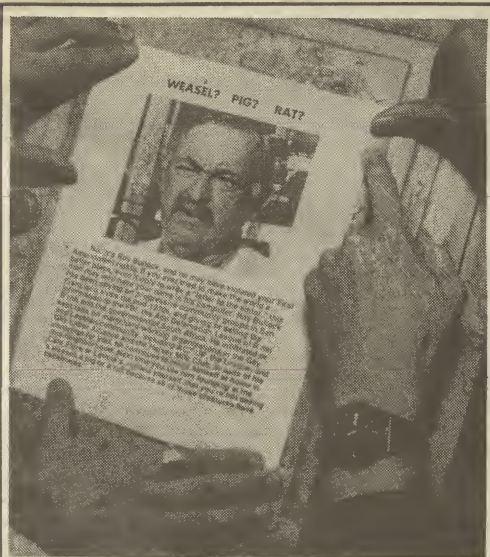
"It is also our understanding that the foundation of the church building was unharmed," said Lowder.

Dignity/San Francisco, the local chapter of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics that met for weekly worship services at the site, has temporarily relocated to the Metropolitan Community Church at 150 Eureka Street through the end of August.

Once affiliated with the right wing fundamentalist Southern Baptist Convention, Dolores Street Baptist Church lost its denominational funding because it accepts openly lesbians and gay men as members.

In January, the church severed its relationship with the SBC after the larger body adopted a policy of 'disfellowshipping' churches that affirm lesbians and gay men.

The buildings at 15th and Dolores were built in 1904 by Ebenezer Lutheran Church, and survived the 1906 earthquake and fire. In 1953 the First Southern Baptist Church of San Francisco, founded ten years earlier, purchased the buildings and opened to the community as the Dolores Street Baptist Church. ▽



Appearing in the Castro last weekend was this flier featuring San Francisco resident Ray Bullock, who has spied on progressives for nearly 20 years. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

SFPD Surveillance Rules Too Vague: Audit

SAN FRANCISCO — An independent audit of the San Francisco Police Department revealed Tuesday, August 3, that rules governing the surveillance of fringe political groups were too vague and easily bypassed.

The department put the rules into effect in November 1990, but the case of former police inspector Tom Gerard has authorities once again considering their policies.

Gerard has been accused of stealing police intelligence files and allegedly passing them on to Roy Bullock, an official with the Anti-Defamation League. Criminal theft charges are currently pending against Gerard.

The review, conducted by Peter Aviles, a former district attorney, and Maxine Monaghan, a former state auditor, found that the surveillance guidelines were so vague that even the people that wrote them cannot agree on what they mean.

It also found that officers had not been properly trained to obey the guidelines.

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Editorial

The Party Time is Over

We are appalled at the way the Republicans are grandstanding in Washington, snorting and pouncing like elk trying to carve out some territory in the wild: we wouldn't be a bit surprised if Robert Dole took to spraying his scent down the aisle of the Senate chambers.

Now that they have managed to shove military lesbians and gays further into the closet, most GOP legislators' *Wild America*-type actions are prompted by Clinton's budget package.

Ignoring the American voters' obvious wish to see Clinton do something about the deficit-logged economy — Reagan and Bush's other lasting legacy, in addition to the AIDS pandemic they ignored, moralized about, and helped nurture just as effectively as if they grew HIV in Petri dishes on the Oval Office windowsills — and ignoring the reaction of Wall Street (for those so beaten by the economy they don't bother to notice, it's now in record high territory), GOP leaders continue to blast the plan. In the stated opinions of Bob Dole and every other Republican legislator in Washington, Clinton's program will destroy America; Democrats are trying to ruin the country; only GOPs care enough to save Middle America, etc., etc., etc. Blah, as they say, blah, blah.

We said those public pronouncements are "stated opinions" because we don't really believe every single Republican feels that way. What we think is that their party is willing to sacrifice economic recovery — or even the hope of economic recovery — on the altar of political partisanship.

Dole and the Dolettes conveniently forget that we are in this mess because their leadership chose to not stimulate the economy, chose to allow a small percentage of the population to ride a crest of false prosperity without paying for it, and chose to ignore crumbling infrastructures — the former levees along the Mississippi that just gave way and caused billions of dollars in property damage, for instance, and roads and bridges that, like the rest of us, don't get any younger — plus homelessness, poverty-driven crime, and the rest of the ills this country grew greenhouse-style for the last 12 years.

Now that a Democrat is in the White House, Dole and his cronies cynically and obviously try to box him into the kind of immobility that crippled Jimmy Carter's presidency. That kind of partisanship, if we were in the relatively easy days of Eisenhower or Kennedy, would be obnoxious. Perhaps in the post-Kennedy period, when everyone was still mourning a beloved leader's premature death, it might have been understandable, if destructive. But now, when America's fighting for her very survival, it is poisonous. Dole fiddles while the country burns, and will let its citizens perish in those flames, as long as he thinks he can keep his party's future plans alive.

And as we said before, we're appalled by it.

But we are also cognizant that the home version of that game is also — still — being played out here in San Francisco. Some supporters of another former regime (some of whom are very dear friends of ours) still act as though complaining about the current chief executive will somehow invalidate the last election and bring his predecessor back to City Hall. It won't.

There are ways of changing the occupant of that office, but simply stooping to partisanship isn't going to do anything except remind others of the behavior of Robert Dole.

And we don't want that, do we?

Homophobia Kills

How can a story like the North Carolina massacre go so unnoticed by the press? As we report in this issue, an Army sergeant got drunk last week, loaded up a couple of shotguns and a rifle, and went out to make a point about gays in the military. He opened fire in a restaurant, babbling about faggots, and killed four people — all, presumably, straight.

The media that normally feed on such stories are surprisingly quiet about this bizarre case. Is it because they know that it illustrates the nature of irrational hatred, and that nobody is safe from homophobia?

Or is it because the same media that spent the last seven months discreetly fanning homophobia (by, among other things, insisting on having frothing lunatic bigots "to balance" every gay man or lesbian they interviewed) now have to recognize they missed the real story. And that is: our military is utterly out of control, unable to deal with the same issues of inclusion and exclusion the rest of us have to resolve to live as members of the community of personkind. Our soldiers are allowed — and were encouraged — to escalate their homophobia. And now straight people are paying for it. ▼



Guest Opinion

Let's Hold Our 'Friendly Fire'

by Joe Zuniga

On the night of April 24, 1993, I went public with my sexual orientation, in the process shedding my Army career to become one of a host of spokesmen in the fight to lift the ban on gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the military as a means toward achieving a victory in the much broader fight for gay civil rights. Although I had been named the Sixth U.S. Army Soldier of the Year, like countless other soldiers I was drummed out of the service under the guise of "incompatibility with military service." Almost instantly I became a media/public figure. I also became a target for right wing and fundamentalist groups that aimed their venom at anyone who threatened to shift the focus of their unfounded, irrational, and bigoted arguments (both in the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing room and across Middle America) to the truth, by placing a human face on the issue.

It took me a while to get past the initial hurt of right wing attacks and the misquotes and mischaracterizations in the mainstream media. What allowed me to forge on was the simple realization that our adversaries' strategy has always been to misinform our heterosexual brothers and sisters and to maliciously represent our community. After several weeks of becoming physically ill every time I read a piece of hate mail or answered a homophobic question on a radio talk show, I thought I was finally over one of the most painful periods of my life. As liberating as coming out had been; as rewarding as it was to receive a letter from a heterosexual explaining that thanks to something I had said or done to dispel a

rumor/stereotype, he could see past the bigotry; it was relieving to finally be able to let the barbs roll off me like raindrops off a parka.

But any increased ability to withstand the criticisms of our opponents could not prepare me for the fratricide that has ensued. An unfortunate example was the Guest Opinion column, "Mid-Term Report Cards," printed in the August 4 issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* and widely syndicated in other cities. When I came out three months ago I was terrified because I

had abandoned the only family (military) I had ever known and feared there would be no replacement. Someone took me aside and, with his heart on his sleeve, told me I was now part of a greater gay family that would see me through good times and bad. By and large, that has been the case as I've traveled across America's hinterlands getting our message out. That same night, however, Torie Osborne, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, warned me that our community tends to eat its leaders alive. I chose not to believe that then, and I am trying not to believe that now.

Publishing a syndicated column of unfounded, catty comments in a respectable gay publication lends credence to the argument that people like its author (Trixie Burke) are tearing at our community's fabric. By placing not only gay leaders but two servicemembers (Tracey Thorne and myself) on a list with known enemies of our community (Sam Nunn and Les Aspin), Burke berates our efforts and reduces our sacrifices to naught. As easy as it is to ignore such assaults from the right wing, it is almost impossible to ignore them when they are

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Letters

WHO dunnit

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read your recent article, "How We Lost That Story." I'd heard this same story back in 1983 and wrote letters to several publications concerning it, but my "crackpot" letters were never published.

First, back in the late '70s, PBS did a show about a strange, unexplainable new wasting illness that had broken out in Africa in the same region where World Health Organization was doing its smallpox vaccination experiments. This was, of course, before anyone had ever heard of AIDS. That show has never been shown again.

Then, a few years back, a psychic I know (and she is very dependable) told me that a client of hers had worked for WHO. He told her that employees had been instructed to mix a serum with a vaccination and inject a certain group of people with it as a test. It was used in San Francisco on gays during the hepatitis experiments in the mid-to-late '70s. The same serum was used in Africa for smallpox and on New York gays, as well. Haitians also got the serum in Africa because they had traveled there in hopes of finding work and while there received the free smallpox vaccinations and then gradually returned to Haiti.

When AIDS began, this former employee at WHO said that he and the other employees involved (and there are only a handful) had put two and two together and realized that AIDS had been the result of this serum. No official had understood then that AIDS would become so widespread. Some of the employees who wanted to bring this story to the attention of the media have since died "accidentally," he claims. He told her that he is afraid for his life. The serum was made at the germ warfare plant in Maryland at the instructions of the then head, a Russian-born man, now deceased. He was a born-again Christian and violently against promiscuity first and homosexuality, second. Because so many gays came into the clinics with social diseases, they became a target.

I've told this story to many gay friends through the years, but they find it difficult to accept. They do not want to believe it. They might as well accept it now, though, because one day they will have to, since it is the truth. There is no question about it. The Eskimos are quite bright. When WHO went to them last year offering free shots for smallpox, they refused to take them.

Name Withheld By Request
San Francisco

Condemn Prejudices, Not the President

The recent findings of a chromosomal origin for homosexuality brings to mind the Italian Roman Catholic priest (!) who publicly stated he considered homosexuality to be "a gift from God" ("Un dono di Dio") several years ago.

President Clinton may not be able to convince the Pentagon that this is not a military handicap but let us commend the achievement and courage of bringing the subject out of the closet at our highest political level, against a prejudice that's been current since 1776.

"Tradition" is a stubborn foe; human history records too many victims of its rigidity. "Silence=Death" — that silence has been broken. The dialogue is public. Fifty percent of the solution has been achieved (thanks, Bill!). Don't stop kicking retrograde butts!

We must help President Clinton achieve his promises. He can't do it alone. We cannot blame him for our own inaction, nor can we sit back and "Let Bill do it." He has had the courage to contest the establishment at great political risk. Saying that he has not fulfilled his promise is not quite correct.

He contests an incredibly powerful moral, military, political and religious prejudice. Rather than attacking Clinton, attack what he must struggle against, or we'll hang separately.

Write, telephone, speak out, help Bill Clinton achieve that promise. Condemn those prejudices, not the president.

Charles Shuts
San Francisco

Locker Room Congeniality

Among young men in the military, there is a locker-room congeniality that requires constant teasing, boasting and adventuring concerning women. If this "don't ask/don't tell" policy is implemented, those who are gay will be obvious by their lack of butt slapping; silence will be the equivalent of "telling." The only way to "not tell" will be to act like the others. Think about that.

Now the Uniform Code of Military Justice will require military people to act dishonorably. This includes those straights who feel that this type of macho behavior is inappropriate. They will fear becoming subject to suspicion and subsequent bigotry.

This climate of fear leading to these dishonorable lies are what will truly "undermine group cohesion" and "destroy unit morale."

R. Christopher Horak
San Francisco

More on Lumpkin the Bigot

The Bay Area Reporter's Aug. 5 editorial, "Dialogue Rolling", really surprised me. Given the seemingly unending Roman Catholic Church bashing in the B.A.R., I must confess I did not expect the fundamental wisdom of your editorial position on Human Rights Commissioner Rev. Eugene Lumpkin.

Your editorial reflects not only a clear understanding of the Bill of Rights' fundamental protections for free speech, for freedom of any form of religious belief and for free assembly, but a deep appreciation that a free society ultimately depends on these protections to insure its very survival.

It is deeply disturbing that so many San Franciscans, both homosexual and heterosexual, are calling for Rev. Lumpkin's head. Frankly, the queer and non-queer Bay Area folks who are calling for Lumpkin's head are far more dangerous to a free society than those Christians, like Lumpkin, who are Biblical literalists.

Why? Simply because those queer Bay Area folks are violating the basic freedoms found in the Bill of Rights.

My hat's off to the B.A.R. for your wise editorial. Now why don't you folks extend that editorial wisdom to include Roman Catholic Christians and their historic church?

James Francis Gibbons
San Leandro, CA

A Call for Mass "Uncle Tom" Resignations

Well! Aren't we making great political strides these days? We have a mayor who appoints an open homophobe to the SF Human Rights Commission and a president who takes our money and our votes and then betrays us by breaking his promise to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

Let's face the facts: The politicians may need us, but they don't give a damn about us. Jordan has never even looked like our friend; Clinton looked pretty good for a while, but we became a political liability and so he wimped out and dispensed with us in a flash.

And if that isn't bad enough to digest, there are those with political aspirations in our own community that are apologists for these guys. We've got people working for Jordan and for Clinton, our people, whose very existence is supposed to constitute evidence for how concerned they are about us. Political appointments by the Frank Jordans and Bill Clintons of the world are elaborate lies.

The big politicians get to pretend they support our community while assembling a (small) army of lackeys who will come to us when they need our money and our votes next time around.

The little politicians from our community, those with their own hunger for the spotlight, get to have the power and prestige of public life while they pretend to represent us and sleep with our enemies.

Let's face it: Jordan and Clinton and their gay "Uncle Toms" are looking out for themselves alone. And we get so excited about our Uncle Toms. We think it's so great that the enemy throws us these crumbs; that he has let a few of us in. I don't think it's great at all. I think these are the enemies behind our own lines.

So I call on Roberta Achtenberg to resign her position with the Clinton Administration as a matter of principle. How can she support and work for a president who so blatantly betrayed us?

And I call on the local gay political appointees of Frank Jordan to resign their positions as well. How can they support and work for a mayor who appoints a gay-hating minister to the Human Rights Commission?

And I call on you — members of our community — to apply massive pressure on these people to resign and to make it clear to them that they too have betrayed us if they continue to sleep with the enemy for their own personal gain.

Let's have mass, embarrassing resignations. Let's make it clear that we are not satisfied. And let's make it clear to those political appointees, those who will hold on to their power despite the duplicity it implies — that they are our worst enemy!

Jay Martin
San Francisco

Can't Rest Now

President Clinton-Gergen failed to fulfill his campaign promise to lift the military ban and, in the main, the gay and lesbian community appeared to not give a damn. At the one protest in the city, only 300-500 people found the need to protest the president's betrayal. It was a pathetic show of outrage over a right-wing policy. This leads us to ask, what has happened to our activism as a community or is this military ban really not important to us? Are we tired from helping to get this president elected and feel we can now rest?

Anyone who believes this is only fooling themselves. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. This is especially true in light of the fact that we obviously helped to elect a president without a backbone, and anyone who thinks Clinton-Gergen will revisit this issue of lifting the ban against gays in the military is simply deceiving themselves.

Justin Sanner and Dean Johnson
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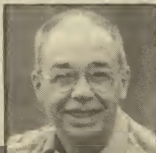
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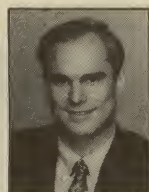
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Letters

Gays Teaching Straights

I recently attended a commitment ceremony where two women joined themselves in a union of love and faith. There were a number of people present, mostly gay and lesbian couples and so it was a public proclamation and affirmation of the love these two friends of mine have for each other. The ceremony was beautiful and very nicely arranged. But there was something more meaningful that happened — at least for me.

What came through to me was the gift that these women are, not only for each other, not only for the gay and lesbian communities, but also (maybe primarily) for us in the straight community. All people at weddings (especially the main participants) are happy and show the love for all to see. But as I watched the couples show affection and care for each other, I realized how much of a gift you all are to the rest of us, if we could *only* see.

I wanted you to know that at least some straight people are grateful to you, for as I see you with each other, I realize how much freshness you teach me to have in my own relationship with my wife. We have centuries of tradition to show us how to be man and woman together. But this tradition does not teach us, it makes it easy to take much of our relationship for granted.

And when I see two men in love with each other, or two women, with the same delicious thrill of being together — the same overwhelming love — I realize that you have had to build your relationships from the ground up, brick by brick. This is what brings me a new freshness and a new awareness of my own lover and the life we have together.

You have much to give us and we have much to learn. I long for the day when we can do that as one community.

James F. Campbell
Pleasanton, California

Jay Wilson Makes a Difference

Since 1978, year in and year out, we have watched an activist for the deaf community provide interpreter services during parade celebrations, Cable Car Awards, Harvey Milk memorials, AIDS Walk and many, many other events previously inaccessible to most of the deaf community.

His work with deaf PWAs contributed greatly to mainstream accessibility available today. For many, this individual has played a major role in putting the gay deaf community "on the map" in San Francisco. His many first and major contributions have enabled many of us to catch a glimpse of a community and culture we are lucky to experience and to know better. We know much of his family is deaf. Wow!

As one of the holdovers from the Moscone/Milk era, Jay Wilson has served our community with compassion and devotion worth recognition. What does it take to recognize one of our own who has given so much?

Jay continues to contribute to causes we all struggle to achieve. Communication, accessibility and equality. We as a community believe courage and perseverance are our strengths. Here is a pretty good example.

The best award anyone can receive does not come in the form of a trophy. It comes from the heartfelt appreciation of many in the deaf and hearing communities. From those of us who have shared and survived the pain, joy and especially the laughter, this letter is to express our love and appreciation for a remarkable man. Jay is always an added attraction for many of us who have attended the events where Jay was the interpreter. He has surely demonstrated how one person can make a difference. We often times wait until it is too late to give our thanks. We thank Jay now.

Cheryl Holmes, San Jose
Matt Edmund, Oakland
William Ross, San Francisco
Ed Wallace, San Francisco

The Correct Explanation?

People wonder why religious institutions preach hatred of homosexuals. A number of hypotheses have been put forward, none of which stand up to scrutiny. For example:

The religionists themselves claim that their hatred is based on sacred writings of divine origin. But this cannot be the real basis, since these same writings advocate the hatred of numerous other groups, yet the religionists leave most of them alone.

It has been suggested that the problem should be blamed on closeted gay clerics who lead witch hunts against others in order to direct attention away from themselves. But this would mean that prominent homophobes like Falwell, Sheldon and John-Paul are actually gay — a highly dubious supposition for which there is not a shred of evidence. Blaming homosexuals for their own oppression is just a way of letting heterosexuals off the hook.

Those who preach hatred against homosexuals might all be suffering from some kind of brain disease. Perhaps so, but this fails to explain why their madness should focus on homosexuality rather than on some other ordinary phenomenon, such as bathing or eating.

Preachers may fear that without such indoctrination, their congregations would convert to homosexuality and fail to beget the next generation of stooges for religious indoctrination. This may be true of religions that enslave whole societies, like Roman Catholicism — since they depend largely upon high birthrates for recruitment. But it does not explain why religions that build their followings mainly by proselytizing seem to be equally homophobic.

What, then, is the correct explanation for why religionists direct so much hatred at homosexuals? Before offering any ideas of my own, I'm going to wait a week or two to see what other readers have to say about this subject.

J. Banbeck
San Francisco

Making It Harder for Independents

On July 15, just before recessing, the state Senate acted to make it even harder for independent candidates to get on the California ballot.

AB1173, by Assemblymember Gwen Moore of Los Angeles, was amended on the Senate floor to provide that independent candidates have only 60 days in which to circulate their petitions, instead of the existing 105 days. In addition, the amendment provides that independent candidates must now pay filing fees.

Existing law since 1981, has provided that independent candidates need not pay filing fees. Instead, they have to get 151,015 signatures (for statewide office) or approximately 9,000 signatures (for Congress or state Senate) in order to get on the ballot. Since the purpose of the filing fee is to keep the ballot from being too crowded, and these petition requirements accomplish the same objective, the filing fee was redundant.

But under the July 15 amendment to AB1173, independent candidates will have to pay the filing fee (which are sometimes as high as \$2,500) AND collect the same number of signatures they have always had to collect. Or, they can forego paying the fee, but must collect two separate petitions at different periods of time: one for 10,000 signatures and then another for 151,015 signatures (for statewide office).

The amendment was made after the bill had gone through the Elections Committees in both houses, so it was impossible for anyone from the public to protest, or even to know what was happening. Please call or write your state Senator and say that the voters' right to vote for independent candidates is already too restricted and that the July 15 amendment should be deleted.

Richard Winger
San Francisco

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I am writing in the hopes that you will print it thereby notifying others who are members of The California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program that they should pay particular attention to the section, "When The Member Becomes Ineligible" in the benefits handbook supplied under the program. A member is ineligible for medical insurance coverage under the plan when, "The Member becomes eligible for Part A and Part B of Medicare even if no application for Medicare coverage is made."

I mistakenly presumed that my coverage continued as long as I paid the premiums to Blue Cross. Wrong! Now that I am eligible for Medicare A and B I no longer qualify for Major Risk Medical Insurance coverage administered through the State of California. As you may or may not know, Medicare does not pay for prescriptions.

I hope this letter saves some from the surprise of being dropped by your insurance carrier through Major Risk by preparing in advance in whatever way they can for the medical care and prescriptions you may need.

Michael T. Roper
San Francisco

Bear Hugs

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Marcus and the B.A.R. for their support of the recent Mr. San Francisco Bear contest and fundraiser.

Mr. Marcus' support by being there for the contest and the publicity he provided in his column made our event an overwhelming success. As you may know, we raised \$1,175 for the Godfather Service Fund with this benefit which was especially rewarding to myself and all the volunteers on the anniversary of my lover's passing.

The fundraiser was meaningful to me, personally, because the GSF was the first organization to provide help to me and my lover in San Francisco. While I was caregiving for him, I was limited to attending many fundraising functions but I gave what I could. This bear contest fundraiser gave me the opportunity to do more and your support will always be remembered as very special.

We often get so involved, we lose sight of what really counts at these fundraisers: helping our brothers and sisters. We were able to do that thanks to Mr. Marcus and B.A.R.

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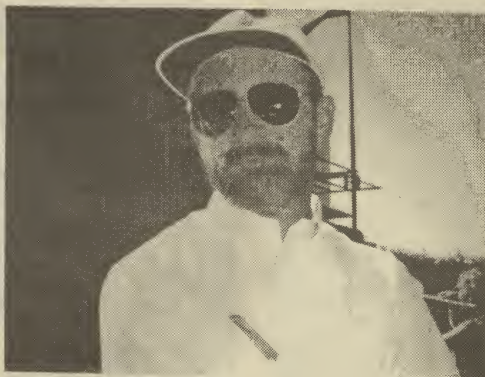
A Special — Very Special — Election

A special election on August 31 in the 27th Assembly District (Monterey and Santa Cruz counties) could make history in this state: John Laird, a highly-respected, highly-qualified former mayor of Santa Cruz (he served eight years on the council and two as mayor in that city) and long-time gay and lesbian community activist, has a good chance of becoming California's first openly-homosexual state legislator. Laird, a Democrat, is locked in a very tight race with another liberal Democrat and political observers are saying the election could go either way; Laird and his main opponent, a Santa Cruz county supervisor, are said to be so even in this race that the eventual outcome rests entirely on who can raise the necessary campaign funds the remaining couple of weeks before the election.

The race is unusual in that Laird and his leading opponent have been rated so "evenly well qualified" by the Santa Cruz County Democratic Committee it couldn't decide which of the two candidates to endorse. In addition to those two candidates, there are seven others (two Democrats and five Republicans), and because of the rather large field of candidates it is unlikely that any one will get a majority (50 percent plus one), meaning that a November 2 runoff between the top votegetters in each party would be necessary.

The August 31 election is unique in that registered Republicans as well as Democrats will have the opportunity to help send Laird to the Assembly; everyone who votes that day, regardless of their party registration, receives the same ballot, so gay and lesbian Republicans, as well as Democrats, are urged to get out and vote for John Laird to help insure that we have a gay candidate in the runoff. Laird, who has taken a leave as director of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, one of the best in the state, to make this race, has impressive credentials and even some of his opponents privately admit he is the best-qualified candidate in this race.

As mayor of Santa Cruz, Laird amassed a solid environmental record by opposing offshore drilling, worked hard in the fight against AIDS and anti-gay discrimination, and compiled one of the best records as mayor in recent Santa Cruz history. John Laird needs our help — badly. Most political observers who are watching this race predict the Democratic runoff nominee will be decided by as few as 100 votes. Gay and lesbian, and other, supporters of John Laird are holding a San Francisco fundraiser on Monday, August 23, 6-3 p.m. at 29 Digby Street (Diamond Heights); donations of \$35 and up are asked to benefit the Laird campaign (call 647-0549 for info). Needless to say, the other candidate(s) in this important campaign are better funded than Laird, yet he is considered to be running at or very near the top in this race; whether you can personally make the August 23 fundraiser or not, mail a check today — please — to Laird for Assembly, 610 Soquel Ave., San-



Assembly candidate John Laird

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ta Cruz, California, 95062, and let's all be a part of making history by sending John Laird to Sacramento as the state's first openly gay legislator.

Politics and People

Is this guy the ultimate horse's ass or what? I mean, there's Senator Jesse Helms, probably Washington's leading homophobic racist, facing Illinois Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, the only black member of the Senate, during a chance meeting in a Capitol Hill elevator that also was

Commentary

carrying Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah); upon seeing the black senator, the bigot Helms started to sing "I wish I was in the land of cotton," looked at Hatch, and said with a perfectly straight face, "I'm going to make her cry; I'm going to sing Dixie until she cries." Recognizing an insult when she hears one, the Illinois senator shot back, "Senator, your singing would make me cry if you sang Rock of Ages." Helms, upon being questioned later by reporters on the incident, offered no apology and had "no further comment."

It should be noted that a couple of weeks ago Moseley-Braun and Helms tangled on the Senate floor when super-racist Helms tried to slip a quick, quiet vote approving the United Daughters of the Confederacy's patent on the Confederate flag insignia through the Senate; Moseley-Braun delivered a passionate speech to persuade her colleagues to reverse it, and apparently Helms, the Senate's most unpopular member, still carries a grudge. Moseley-Braun, showing class Helms has never been known for, dismissed the hateful elevator incident except to comment that she is "amazed at how often and how much race comes up in conversation and debate" in the Senate. It's not likely to change soon, Senator, what with members like Helms, Thurmond, and Nunn.

So what else is new? In Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga University trustees said again this week they'll stand by their decision to deny financial and moral support to a gay student group, claiming endorsement would be inappropriate for the Jesuit-run school; gay and lesbian students insist they will pursue the issue further.

Elizabeth Taylor never rests in her anti-AIDS fight; she is putting out a celebrity

calendar for '94; the 12 "over 40" women featured on the pages of Daydream Publishing's "39 and Holding" calendar (expected to raise big bucks for the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation) include Taylor friends Carol Burnett, Linda Gray, Rita Moreno, Angie Dickinson, Annette Funicello, Diahann Carroll, Linda Evans, Joan Collins, Katherine Ross, and Suzanne Sommers; Taylor has reportedly raised nearly \$70 million so far to fight AIDS, and as I have said before, this lady is near sainthood.

A couple of customers at the P. S. Bar on Polk Street asked me the other night who my "favorite" is on the Board of Supes — that's an easy one: Carole Migden of course.

Ah, Hollywood ... now we have superstar Madonna at a party getting into it with Calvin Klein supermodel Marky Mark (who promotes himself as a gay community pinup, but who seemingly can't resist making homophobic remarks); it seems the underwear kid reportedly said something about one of Madonna's feminine male entourage members. She defended her gay friend with a couple of pointed words and it reportedly ended with Mark cursing Madonna and telling her to perform a sexual act (?) on him. Madonna, it is reported by those at the party, coolly replied that she would, if Marky "had anything to work with" (and why don't we ever get invited to these parties, I ask ...)

One Sacramento insider I respect tells me that Democrat Phil Angeleides is considering changing his mind about running for Lieutenant Governor (seems Gray Davis, according to the polls, has too much name ID) and may now run for state treasurer.

John Wahl tells me that no, he is not filing as a candidate for City Attorney; this one will be a knock-down, drag-out between Louise Renne and Neil Eisenberg.

There's a new move in Sacto to once again try to move California's presidential primary from June to an earlier March 4, and this one reportedly has a lot of support.

Friends from the Palm Springs suburb of Cathedral City (where most of the area gay bars are down there) are telling me that the new woman mayor, an ally of anti-gay Lou Sheldon, is riding herd on the gay and lesbian community in that resort town.

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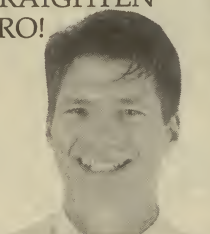
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by Nancy Boutillier

What if there was a hearing and nobody listened?

Welcome to the Government Efficiency & Labor Committee of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 4. The major agenda item is a public hearing regarding Supervisor Terrence Hallinan's resolution calling for the resignation or removal of the Reverend Eugene Lumpkin from the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

Lumpkin, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, is the Jordan-appointed Human Rights Commissioner who told a *Chronicle* reporter that "It's sad that people have AIDS and what have you. But it says right there in the Scripture that the homosexual lifestyle is an abomination against God. So I have to preach that homosexuality is a sin."

According to the resolution, the removal of Lumpkin is needed to "restore public confidence in the role and mission of the commission especially with regards to lesbian and gay San Franciscans."

Two signs greeted me as I approached the steps of City Hall for the hearing. A pink one with black letters read: "God is Gay." The other, decorated with pink triangles and swastikas (actually, the swastikas were backwards, making them Native American mystic symbols) said "Support Reverend Lumpkin's Free Speech. Gay PC is Racism."

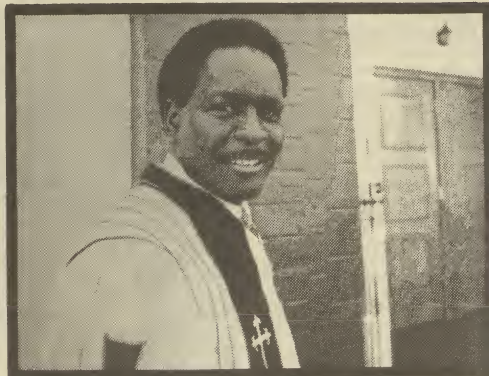
I often wish life was simple enough for a slogan to answer my difficult questions, but I couldn't help thinking as I passed through the metal detector, that any point of view that can be put "in a nutshell" ought to stay there.

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What I had read about Lumpkin's remarks made me want to know more about this case. So, I settled into my seat — which looked remarkably like a pew — ready to hear.

Testimony was passionate, often angry, and exchanges between individuals were not always polite. As suggested by the two sidewalk sign holders, many of the issues identified as central to this case were the kinds of issues that cause civil wars: free speech, racism, and the nature of God.

And the hearing was not always civil. For every reasoned speaker taking advantage of the three minutes al-



The Reverend Eugene Lumpkin

(Photo: Judi Parks)

lowed by the format, someone else was ready to shout, hiss, stare down, or show some other kind of bullying that suggested general disrespect for the speaker.

Midway through the testimony I realized why I was having trouble deciding what I thought about Lumpkin's position on the HRC. Some of the most emotional and meaningful comments, as well as the angriest and annoying outbursts, were off the point. They weren't about Lumpkin at all.

Many of the 45 people speaking wove all sorts of issues into their three minutes of public testimony. And much of what was not about the Lumpkin case was well worth hearing.

For instance, I hope people were listening when African-Americans supporting Lumpkin spoke with frustration of the HRC's failure to serve the needs of African-Americans.

I hope the people who expressed "my oppression is more important than your oppression" views took home the message of lesbians and gay men of color who stood in witness to both the homophobia facing them in communities of color, as well as the racism experienced in the lesbian and gay community.

The fundamentalist ministers who talked of the harassment, threats, and attacks on their homes wanted to know where the protection was for them. A valid question, particularly when the rumblings from Lumpkin's detractors lent credibility to the ministers' claims. However, acts and attitudes of a few lesbians and gay men do not make Lumpkin's bigotry acceptable on the HRC.

When one fundamentalist minister asked "Where is the pluralism?" and charged that "diversity ends at the borders of the homosexual communi-

ty," I found myself wondering if we, the lesbian and gay community, are setting double standards to suit our political ends. Are we striving for and inclusive society that excludes those with whom we disagree?

I found myself wishing that more people were at the hearing, just listening.

I wish all the lesbians and gay men who marginalize the bisexual and transgender communities had seen and heard the bisexual and transgender people who testified against homophobia—for us all.

Following four hours of heartfelt and heated testimony, the committee voted 3-0 in favor of the resolution to remove Lumpkin, and although I agreed with the vote, it hardly felt like a victory.

What slim satisfaction I felt in having my opinion adopted, disappeared when Hallinan remarked that "gays are the natural allies of African-Americans." The comment set off verbal fireworks. A white Lumpkin detractor shouted past me to one of Lumpkin's African-American supporters, "Go clean up the homophobia in your community!"

It was filled with anger and antagonism — and evidence that he had not been listening to the complexity of the issues, the relevance of the need not to throw stones from glass houses. I cringed, wondering how he had missed the charge implicit in so many of the voices of lesbians and gay men of color who are willing to fight homophobia within "their" communities: white lesbians and gay men have plenty of racism to clean up in the lesbian and gay community.

I wondered what Hallinan had been hearing all morning. Hadn't he heard that what

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Agay in the life. by John Sieruta ©1993



Priest

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has been hit pretty hard. That someone you know is murdered is just unreal. He was a young man. He was just a very nice person," said Adams.

Maupin's death is the second tragedy to hit the hospital's staff in recent weeks. In addition to the homicide and revelations that Maupin was an active homosexual, funeral services were held on August 10 at Holy Redeemer Church in San Francisco for Maupin's predecessor, former Queen of The Valley chaplain Father Chris Peck, who died of AIDS.

Maupin, whose family is not Roman Catholic, was a convert to the faith and ordained a priest in 1974 in Lafayette, Indiana. He had been associated with the Diocese of Santa Rosa since 1987.

The Diocese serves the six northwest counties of California, and has an estimate 110,000 Catholics in 41 parishes ministered to by about 100 priests, according to Diocese spokesperson Deacon Dick Naumann.

Maupin had been in frail health for the last year following the removal of a cancerous kidney, according to his friend Barbara Corotto, the executive director of the Napa Valley AIDS Project.

Maupin was a member of the Board of directors of the NVAP for a year and a half but had resigned because of a possible conflict of interest,

according to Corotto.

"He was on our board. He had worked with me when I was the director of Catholic Charities and he was on the board of Catholic Charities for a couple of years," Corotto said, adding that although she never discussed Maupin's sexual orientation with him, she assumed he was gay.

"I thought he was, but he didn't tell me and I didn't ask. Ron and I were good friends. I just accept everybody as they are," she told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"It was a whole different part of his life that I didn't share," she said.

Maupin was a "caring, quiet man who was a friend of the underdog," according to Corotto.

Santa Rosa Diocese Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann was unavailable for comment, because he was in Denver meeting with Pope John Paul II.

Prior to the Napa police's request for assistance from *Bay Area Reporter* readers for leads in the case, initial press reports about the gay angle to Maupin's death were discreetly veiled.

According to those accounts, a special homicide task force was being formed by Napa police to explore Maupin's "social patterns and contacts" and that Maupin often brought "individuals on the skids" to stay in his home.

Napa police have asked that *Bay Area Reporter* readers with information about Maupin contact Detectives Ed Knutsen at (707) 257-9570 or Dan Lonergan at (707) 257-9561. ▼

Ringold Alley Encounter Allegedly Leads to Stabbing

by Dennis Conkin

A San Francisco man has been charged with attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and a special allegations of hate crimes, stemming from the stabbing of a wheelchair-bound Daly City man he met last month in Ringold Alley.

Timothy Gilman, 26, remains in custody on \$100,000 bail in San Mateo County Jail, following his July 26 arrest on the charges.

"I met this person on Ringold and he seemed to be nice enough," the victim, Fred McClure, told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "He was just a little dirty and needed to be cleaned up."

McClure took Gilman to his Daly City home, where he alleges the suspect "brought out a needle and shot up speed in front of me." After they had sex, McClure says Gilman wanted to leave the apartment, roam the neighborhood, and return later.

"I was going to help him get proper identification and was going to take him to the Social Security office the next day," McClure said.

Eventually, according to McClure, Gilman decided to stay in the residence after he was warned that his disheveled condition might get him arrested in the suburban Daly City neighborhood.

The two settled in — for the night, McClure thought,

but the next thing he knew he was being stabbed in the belly.

"[Gilman] aroused me a little bit and I started to get up. I must have dozed off. The next thing I knew I was being hit in the chest."

The stab wound penetrated McClure's liver and he went into shock, but not before he was able to call police. He was taken by ambulance to Seaton Hospital, where he remained in intensive care for several days in stable condition, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Gilman was arrested by police shortly after the incident, and remains in jail awaiting a trial date on the charges. ▼

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Gays and Democrats: Are We Still Friends?

by Karen Ocamb

Bill Press, the newly-elected Chair of the California Democratic Party and a longtime non-gay member of the Stonewall Democratic Club and other gay political groups, asks lesbians and gays not to take their frustration over the "gays in the military compromise" out on the party.

In a recent interview, Press expressed concern about grass-roots rumblings to pay back the Democrats for President Clinton's perceived "compromise" betrayal by pulling out of the Democratic Party, re-registering as Independents, and not participating in Democratic fundraisers.

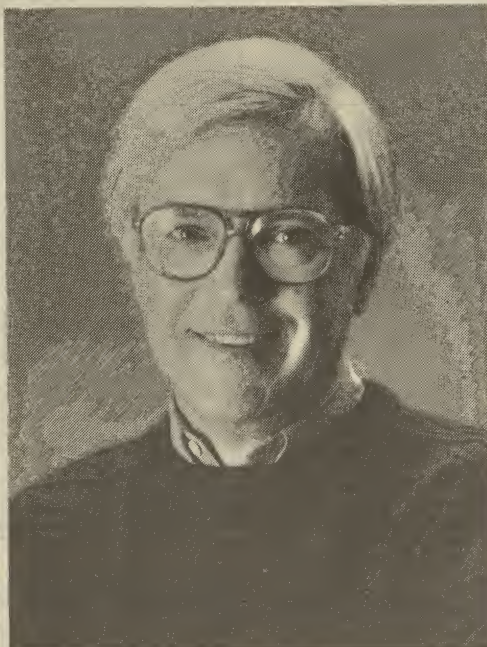
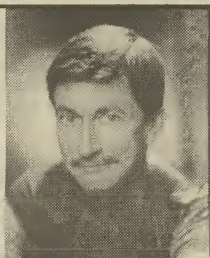
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would be misdirected and short-sighted," Press said. "I understand the anger, but don't take it out on the California Democratic Party [which] has fought along side ANGLE [Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality] and CMS [Campaign for Military Service] and NGLTF [National Gay and Lesbian Task Force] for lifting of the ban. We all worked our asses off and we lost. What we have to do is stick together and continue to fight. I'm convinced we will ultimately prevail."

Press called Georgia Democrat Senator Sam Nunn's behavior toward gays in the military "completely odious" and noted that the California Democratic Party supported a complete lifting of the ban, a point Press said he expressed directly to President Clinton. He also indicated concern about Nunn's attempt to amend the language of the so-called "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue compromise" to allow the military to once again ask recruits their sexual orientation if the Joint Chiefs found it necessary.

"I know the President wanted to lift the ban completely and I know the President would have if Sam Nunn hadn't blocked him," Press said. "And now for Sam Nunn to try to go beyond the President and the President's policy or try to codify the existing ban is, I think, morally repugnant and it's double-crossing the President."

"I'm sick over this," Press said about the ban. "This is the worst, most blatant form of discrimination left in this country and no argument can be made in its defense."

ANGLE members and longtime political, professional, and personal partners attorneys Diane Abbitt and Roberta Bennett have differing views on the relationship gays should have to the Party, although both agree it is unwise to sever connections completely. The forthcoming race against Republican Pete Wilson for California governor is a case in point. Bennett is a senior advisor to State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, who is Wilson's strongest like-

ly challenger, while other ANGLE members are known to favor State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, who is also expected to announce his candidacy.

"Our community took a big beating," Abbitt said in a conference call interview with Bennett on August 3. "But I don't think we can afford to stop attempting to use the system to accomplish our goals. We must learn to be more effective. But I am not certain that this community should be supporting the Democratic Party in the state of California. Perhaps we need a different strategy."

Abbitt acknowledged that her reassessment was "difficult," since she and Press have been friends and political allies since they sat on the board of MECLA (Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles) in the mid-1980s. But she is angry.

"The state Democratic Party's mission is to get Democrats elected," she said. "That tells me that when Bill Clinton runs again, the Democratic Party will do the same thing it did the last time to get him elected. As a lesbian, I don't know if that's what I'm going to want to see happen."

"The Democratic Party has always had a stranglehold on the gay and lesbian community because where else did we have to go?" Bennett asked. "What Bill Clinton did is effectively release that stranglehold so we can go anywhere we want and look at individual races. It's not going to matter so much anymore if they're Republican or Democrat."

The effects of Clinton's "compromise" will be felt most keenly on the state and local level first, they said.

"There is a real shift in our community," Bennett said. "The national gay and lesbian community feels let down, betrayed. A lot of people think our 'friends' in the Senate winked at this issue. They may have paid lip-service on the Senate floor but few were really out there — including our own Senators Boxer and Feinstein. I'm not aware of any arm-twisting they did. Talk is real cheap. I'm more

interested in what they did to bring political pressure on their peers. I know Feinstein cut back room deals on base closures. There was none of that on this. I'm looking for more than a speech."

"If you're going to get killed by your friend, what difference does it make if your enemy is in office?" Abbitt added. "But if we withdraw from the political process, we might wind up with an extremely strong set of laws codified from the right wing's wish list."

Abbitt compared the reassessment of the lesbian and gay community's relationship with the Democratic Party to the end of a relationship.

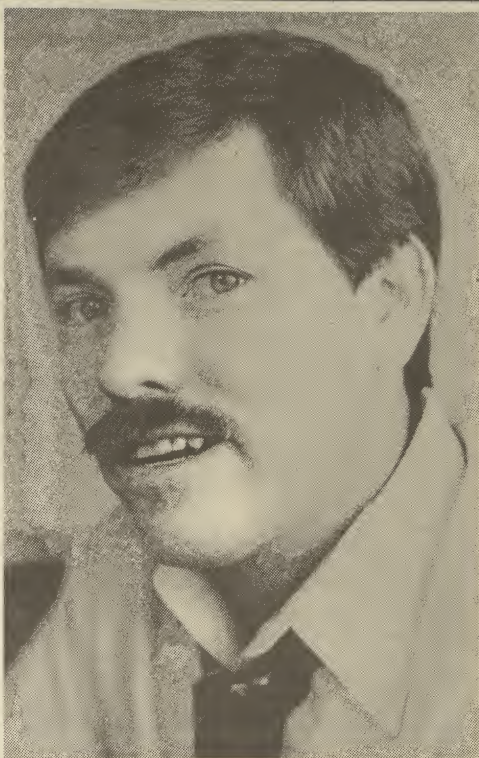
"Right now we're floundering. But it's okay to have a lull," Abbitt said. "We have suffered a tremendous physical and emotional shock and we need to recover individually and collectively. We were seduced and we were publicly humiliated. So we blame ourselves. What did we do wrong? We're very much the jilted lover. We gave this relationship everything we had. But we can't beat ourselves up for his betrayal." Attorney John Duran, another ANGLE member, recently lobbied Feinstein and other California Congressmembers on a variety of issues, including the gay and lesbian civil rights bill and next month's vote on the Clinton/Nunn military compromise.

"I think the immediate reaction we have when we get mad is to get even. But rather than just getting even, we need to focus on getting ahead," Duran said. "There will be other opportunities for political payback. The important thing for the community to do is keep our eye on the prize and the prize is political power. Walking away from the Democratic Party doesn't advance our political power. It may feel good in the short run, but in the long run it jeopardizes our agenda."

"The way to play the political game is with our righteous anger still in place. But whoever gets the most votes — even a squeaker like 51-49 — wins. When we started the Campaign for Military Service we had 18 votes in the U.S. Senate. At the time of the 'compromise' we could count 43, not enough to win the game, but we doubled our resources," Duran said. "The community's agenda goes beyond CMS. We still have a full AIDS agenda, not to mention our family issues, and we need those 51 votes. The military issue is over. We lost and we need to accept that loss."

"But having met with Feinstein and Boxer, I'm convinced that when the Senate comes up for a full vote on the Nunn/Clinton proposal, they will go to bat for us," Duran said. "But we need to remember that over the long haul we need to keep every Democratic seat we can in order to influence and sway the leadership in the Legislature. As far as Clinton is concerned, I think he's still learning on the job. Don't get me wrong, I'm still angry. But in politics, three more years is a long time."

That Senate vote on the Nunn/Clinton vote comes in September after the August Congressional recess. Mail and calls are still running 3-1 against a compromise to lift the ban. ▼



Steve Endean, Gay Rights Pioneer, Dies at 44

by Dennis Conkin

Long-time gay activist and Human Rights Campaign Fund founder Steve Endean, 44, died of AIDS-related illness at his home in Washington, D.C. on August 5.

Endean was born in Davenport, Iowa, but spent most of his life in Minnesota and Washington, D.C.

"People who know how it hard it can be to fight for gay and lesbian rights today should appreciate how many times harder it was to do that 20 years ago when Steve was a pioneer in the effort. I grieve at our loss," said Congressman Barney Frank in a statement.

Endean was a Minnesota activist who first gained national attention as the leader of an unsuccessful effort to pass a statewide lesbian and gay civil rights bill in the mid 1970s.

In 1978, Endean moved to Washington, D.C., and became the first executive director and lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby. He later created the Human Rights Campaign Fund as a national gay political action committee. The two groups eventually merged.

Endean also started the successful grassroots "Speak Out" project that has generated more than a million Mailgrams and letters to Congress from supporters of lesbian and gay rights.

Endean retired from HCRF in 1991 because of his declining health, but continued to be active with the group part-time, according to spokesman Greg King.

Endean is credited with convincing former Senator Paul Tsongas (D-Massachusetts) to introduce the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in 1980.

A member of the Metropolitan Community Church and Black and White Men Together, Endean is survived by his parents and a sister.

A memorial service honoring Endean's life and accomplishments will be held later this month at the Metropolitan Community Church in Washington, D.C. ▼

News Brief

GLAAD/LA Helps Protest *Rising Sun*

Members of GLAAD/LA were among the 30 demonstrators who turned out July 30 in Westwood to protest the opening of the film *Rising Sun*. The protest was organized by a coalition of groups spearheaded by the Media Action Network for Asian-Americans. They wanted to "educate" the public that Asians are not all "ruthless, aggressive people intent on getting their way in business through blackmail, extortion, and even murder," as they feel Asians are depicted in the film, according to spokesperson Guy Aoki, MANAA president.

The group believes the film can potentially have "a very dehumanizing impact on the way we see ourselves and how others see us," Aoki told the B.A.R. "GLAAD very quickly understood and helped us a great deal," especially sharing their experience protesting the film *Basic Instinct*.

Rising Sun, Aoki believes, "shows a very one-sided paranoid thing about Asians taking over and corrupting American values just as they've accused gays and lesbians of doing."

The filmmakers dispute the protesters' contention that *Rising Sun* shows Asians in a bad light, noting that they used a consultant from the Japan-America Society while making the movie. ▼

— Karen Ocamb

World News

Spanish Judge Backs Rights of Workers Caught in Gay Sex Act

BARCELONA, Spain — According to the daily newspaper *La Vanguardia*, the first words the textile foreman said to his companion were, "They've caught us." The two workers were caught in the shower/lockerroom of the company, where one was in the act of performing fellatio upon the other.

They were fired. But a judge in Barcelona has declared the dismissal to be a disproportionate, and therefore illegal, measure, and has ordered the company to reinstate them to their same positions and to restore their lost wages.

The case began nearly a year ago, on August 31, 1992, at 3:30 in the afternoon, when a worker on his way to his locker surprised the foreman with his pants and underwear down. "That is to say," explains the affidavit, "with his

genitals exposed." In front of him, the other employee, a journeyman, "kneeling..."

The witness did not keep quiet, and the company sent two letters of dismissal, in which it criticized the foreman and journeyman for abandoning their work posts and, especially, for the audacity of doing such an act "openly, in the workplace" and violating "minimal norms of consideration and behavior."

During the hearing, the two workers acknowledged that they were in the locker-room, but said they did nothing the witness claimed. Instead, they said, one was sewing on a button of the other's, thus the reason for the genuflection.

Magistrate Maria Dolores Balibrea Perez expressed her confidence in the witness's testimony, saying it was

"complete, detailed, and solid." However, she also affirmed that the men had not abandoned their work posts, since "in the company there functioned a system of automatic breaks." In ordering the reinstatement or the payment of millions of pesetas in compensation, Perez said "such actions are a consequence of the evolution of our society in recent times, in regards to moral values."

She added that after evaluating the circumstances of the encounter — such as its locale and that it had occurred at a time when it could be expected to pass unnoticed without affecting the progress of work — and "the perfect records of the employees through a period of almost 20 years, one concludes that the firing is unjustified punishment that, in the absence of prejudice, merits reproach." ▼

Gay Film in China Gets Much Attention, But Little Approval

by Nick Driver

BEIJING (UPI) — The government treated hundreds of officials to a private screening of the award-winning film *Farewell To My Concubine* at the office compound of China's leaders, despite banning it for the general public, government sources said Friday, July 30.

More than 700 Chinese mid-level cabinet officials and their aides sat through a Wednesday morning private screening of the Cannes Film Festival-winning film, hours before the film's premiere on the other side of Beijing, one source said.

While a temporary ban remains in effect for showings to the general public, billboards have gone up around the city advertising an August 19 theater opening, suggesting that the ban could be lifted after some more cuts are made.

While the movie has proven itself to foreign and select Chinese audiences as artistically worthy of Cannes' highly esteemed Golden Palm award for best film in May, the growing political tug-of-war over the film's public screening in China made both showings somber occasions.

At the end of the showing in Zhongnanhai, the central

Beijing walled compound where top leaders work and live, disgruntled officials of the State Council, China's cabinet, aired their grievances over the film's political attacks on the ruling Communist Party, said a source present at the showing.

"The movie portrayed the Japanese as better than the Nationalists, and the Nationalists as better than the Communists," said another official present at the showing, referring to the three most recent rulers of mainland China.

The gay angle

Farewell To My Concubine chronicles the lifelong bond between two male Peking opera stars from their childhood friendship in the 1920s through their sexual relationship and persecution under Japanese and Nationalist rule, and eventual forced retirement during the tumultuous ten-year Cultural Revolution that ended in 1976.

"Artistically speaking, I liked the movie because I am a Peking opera fan," said the first official. "But many others did not understand it — they are just officials," he shrugged.

Brushing aside suggestions that the film was essentially

apolitical, the second official echoed top leaders' opinions that the film should not be shown to the public.

"The Communist Party is deliberately depicted as driving [the protagonist] to his death after the Cultural Revolution ended," said the second official, saying the chronology proved that direc-

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Amendment 2 Goes To Court as Scheduled

United Press International

DENVER — Colorado's anti-gay rights amendment suffered another setback Friday, August 6, when a Denver judge refused the state's request to delay trial on the constitutionality of its notorious Amendment 2.

The state had sought postponement to allow completion of its appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of a Colorado Supreme Court decision that gutted the amendment.

Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless agreed with legal scholars that it was unlikely the Supreme Court would hear the case.

The trial will begin October 12 as scheduled.

The state Supreme Court ruled last month the amendment, which prohibits local governments from enacting laws that specifically protect homosexuals, violated the right of gays and lesbians to participate fully in the political process.

The court said Colorado must now show a "compelling state interest" for the amendment to exist, or it must be declared invalid.

Voters approved the amendment last November, sparking protests that include boycotts of the state's tourist attractions and products. ▼

...Although the Costs are Enormous

by Kathy Deitsch

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton has lifted an earlier black-out of information about how much the legal fight over Amendment 2 is costing Colorado taxpayers. In an interview with Paul Chan, Norton's administrative counsel, it was revealed that the dollar cost to taxpayers has been \$137,062 in the eight-month period since November.

Norton and her select team of attorneys claim they have spent 1,476 hours on the case, or \$61,549.20. Chan was careful to note that when comparing dollar costs, the AG's office will cost the taxpayer a lot less than the same hours billed by private sector attorneys' fees.

In addition to the hourly rate, expenses—including witness costs—have added an additional \$19,532.12 to the tab. Additionally, since Governor Romer is named in the suit, his legal services account has been billed by the Attorney General for \$55,981, which includes both staff and attorney work done by Norton's office on the Governor's behalf. Those expenses total \$137,062.32 to date.

On the other hand, Colorado Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP), the group heading up the legal challenge to Amendment 2, reports expenditures of \$105,446, which includes a \$29,000 pay-out for overhead expenses to lead counsel Jean Dubofsky. There has been no

paid attorney time. Attorneys of record in this case have temporarily waived their fees, describing their legal work as "pro bono." However, both CLIP and the Attorney General acknowledge that should Amendment Two be deemed unconstitutional, the plaintiff's attorneys could choose to petition the court and the attorneys of record would be entitled to reasonable remuneration for the actual time they spend working on the case. (This little-known fact is part of the Civil Rights Act, and is how the NAACP began. In that event the taxpayers of Colorado would ultimately foot the bill for both plaintiffs and defendants in the Amendment 2 case.)

According to Chan, Norton has not yet made a request for supplemental appropriations to take the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. He did say that the office is currently working on those estimates and such a request would certainly be made.

The Joint Budget Committee would first consider any supplement to the Department of Law to defend the state against Amendment 2 challenges. Members of the Colorado House and Senate make up the committee, and are charged with considering and recommending action to the Colorado General Assembly on the state's fiscal matters.

A counsel in the AG's office defended the expenditure of funds, by suggesting that

the pending legal challenge "is a civil rights question of the 90s."

Kevin Tebedo of the right wing Colorado For Family Values (CFV) said in a phone interview that he believed the 813,966 people who voted for Amendment 2 would be pleased to know that their tax dollars were being well spent: "We would expect the A.G. to defend the voters' will to the hilt," he said. Tebedo acknowledged that it may be costly to the taxpayer, but it's the way the system works. He concluded by saying that if the "pro-homosexual forces passed a law giving gays statewide protections" he would do "just as the plaintiffs have, bring a suit."

Terry Schleder of Boycott Colorado asserts that the courts have said that Amendment 2 is "bad law." Schleder maintains "it's also an expensive law." The boycott has cost the State of Colorado an estimated \$120 million, and the legal costs will go still higher. The boycott boss stated, "Governor Romer and our elected officials should have worked harder to defeat Amendment 2, so it wouldn't have become law and we could have kept a lid on the cost to the state."

Nancy Solomon of the ACLU Colorado said that although "it's an expensive way to educate the people of our state as to what a constitutional democracy is, if they learn that lesson it is money well spent." ▼

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the United States."

Dignity spokesperson Dugan McGinley said the demonstration was intended, in part, to focus attention on the lesbian and gay youth who will attend the conference seeking answers from their church.

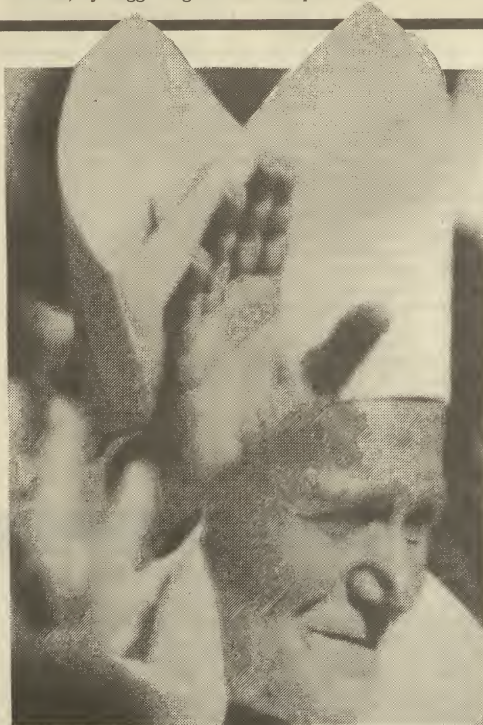
"We want to gather and give voice to all the people who are hurt, ignored, and maligned by this papacy," McGinley said. "Though this rally is being planned by gay and lesbian Catholics, it is a call to prayer for all people who feel excluded from freely celebrating the papal visit, including Catholics who are divorced or planning the size of their families, priests who wish to marry, married people who wish to be priests, all women, gays, and lesbians of every faith."

Keynote speakers at the rally were Kevin Cagari, president of Dignity/USA and Sister Maureen McCormack, president of the Sisters of Loretto.

"Our goal was to present a prayerful and intelligently balanced kickoff to a week that will focus on the ostentatious pageantry surrounding a pontiff who is out of step with the church of the 20th century," Cagari said.

The theme of this year's conference is "That they may have life and have it more abundantly."

"We don't think the church has much of an abundant life to offer its young people who



Pope John Paul II will meet with President Clinton while visiting Colorado this week.
(Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)

are gay and lesbian," Cagari said. "We're concerned about what's missing from the pope's message. What is the church telling young gay and lesbian people?"

The Denver rally was planned at Dignity's bi-annual convention held July 29-August 1 in New Orleans. Adopted at the convention

was a resolution calling on the pope to lead the world beyond discrimination of lesbians and gays.

The Denver rally included readings of work by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou, Jesus, Black Elk, and—according to the official press release—"Mary, the mother of God." ▼

... Meanwhile, Bigotry Comes to Maine

by Christopher Muther

PORTLAND, Maine — A campaign pushing for a statewide gay ballot initiative here could jeopardize the state's title as "Vacationland" and adversely affect the rights of other minorities as well, according to activists and several state legislators.

The initiative, sponsored by the Portland-based Concerned Maine Families, would ban laws protecting the rights of lesbians and gays in the Pine Tree State, and would repeal two gay rights ordinances currently in place in Portland and Lewiston.

The ballot initiative would also repeal a newly-passed hate crimes law, which gives stiffer penalties to hate-motivated violence against gay men and lesbians.

Supporters of the measure need to collect 52,308 signatures by January to bring their petition before the Maine legislature. If the measure, as written, fails before the legislature, it would go before voters in 1994.

"This would have the same effect in Maine as Colorado's anti-gay referendum," said openly-lesbian Representative Susan Farnsworth (D-Hallowell). "[Colorado has] lost \$35 million in convention and tourism business already. And their Supreme Court ruled just [last] week that it is probably unconstitutional."

Passage of the measure could send shock waves up the expansive Maine coastline, which depends on the annual migration of thousands of tourists from the U.S. and Canada during the summer to fill tills at restaurants and shops.

"I really believe it will have a devastating effect on the tourism industry," said Senator Gerard Conley (D-Portland). "It's hard to call yourself Vacationland when you're only Vacationland for a select few."

A Colorado-style boycott could be a disaster at gay hotspots like Ogunquit, a popular southern Maine beach town of 960 year-round residents that swells up to 30,000 during the summer, according to Steve Einstein, director of the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce.

"A big part of our summers are the gay tourists," Einstein said. "We have no problems here with the gays and lesbians. They've been a part of the community for a long time. I would hate to think that would change because of an argument that's going on in Augusta that we have no part in."

David Garrity, a spokesman for the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, said his group will not call for a boycott of the state if the measure passes.

"We're citizens of Maine," he said. "We don't want to see any damage to the economy, we're in hard economic times, and we hope we're not affected. I wish this was something [Concerned Maine Families] thought of before they started this."

Although the ballot question does not specifically mention homosexuality, it would limit local state and human rights protections currently covered by Maine's Human Rights Act. Like Colorado

Amendment 2, the question would make laws protecting the rights of gay men and lesbians from discrimination illegal.

Maine's Secretary of State certified the petition last month, just two months after the state Senate failed to override Republican Governor John R. McKernan's veto of a gay rights bill, which would have outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit.

"When the governor vetoed our bill we thought they got what they wanted," Farnsworth said.

"We know Maine people to be tolerant and fair. While all Mainers may not yet accept homosexuality, they certainly won't go along with a referendum whose sole purpose is to discriminate against lesbians and gay men," said Paula Aboud, president of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, in a prepared statement.

Garrity said several of Maine's religious organizations that have backed anti-gay measures in the past have not endorsed the Concerned Maine Families' petition drive. He said Paul Volle, a Maine representative who is a friend of religious leader and former presidential candidate Pat Robertson, disagrees with Concerned Maine Families' initiative.

Also, the Maine Christian Civic League, an organization that has been a longtime opponent of gay rights laws in Maine — and which, in fact, attempted to introduce its own anti-gay ballot question last year — has not backed Concerned Maine Families, nor does it have any plans to, according to a spokesman for the group.

Jasper Wyman, executive director of the League and possible gubernatorial candidate next year, told reporters he doesn't think the law is "necessary or advisable at this time."

Although some conservative religious organizations do not back the petition, Conley predicts that outside organizations that helped finance anti-gay ballot questions in Oregon and Colorado will "pour money" into the state to help see Maine's question is passed.

"I think they'll get the signatures they need," Conley said. "They'll have enough money to get people to sign a petition to have Christ declared Catholic."

He said he is optimistic that Mainers will defeat the question at the ballot, but said he expects "a campaign of hate and deception, a dirty, mean, and nasty fall."

Last week, two New England law agencies — the Maine Civil Liberties Union and the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders — filed suit against Maine's Secretary of State William Diamond, saying he gave his approval to the ballot question even though it is misleading to voters.

They claim because homosexuality is not mentioned specifically in the ballot initiative, voters may sign the petition without knowing its intent.

"The Petition is a proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing,"

said Patricia Peard, an attorney with the Civil Liberties Union. "With the current phrasing, all kinds of people could sign the petitions without knowing the intended purpose is to limit the rights of gay men and lesbians."

Diamond said although wording of the petition is broad, he said he believes voters will understand its intent.

He said because a phrase was added about repealing existing protections, "I think we brought it into focus as much as possible within the law," and said the original petition submitted by Concerned Maine Families "made it very clear it was an anti-gay question."

"It specifically said bisexuals, homosexuals, and lesbians would not be included under the Human Rights Act," he said. "The last version she presented lacked that clarity and instead leaves out a number of things. Instead of saying what can't be included, it lists the only things that can be protected."

However, Diamond said, in the process of excluding what can be covered by the civil rights law, Concerned Maine Families left out protections for other minorities.

He said if the petition were passed as written, it would allow banks to discriminate on loans based on the geographic location of the property; allow discrimina-

tion based on pregnancy; remove special housing considerations given to those with low incomes, and allow insurers to deny coverage to those with pre-existing conditions.

"I don't know why she removed the 'bisexual, homosexual, and lesbian,'" he said,

been in the past."

She said even if the bill excludes only gays and lesbians, the Commission will most likely come out against it.

"It doesn't make sense that we have been on the forefront of these changes for the past 20 years and then to go a step backward," she said.

Because of the publicity surrounding anti-gay ballot questions in the past five years, most Maine residents are aware there are not specific laws protecting gays against discrimination, she said. However, before that time, her office logged about 50 calls a year from people saying they had been discriminated against because of their sexuality.

She said the Human Rights Commission may also launch an education campaign to let people know the details of the petition.

Maine's gay community has been attempting to pass a law protecting them from discrimination for the past 18 years. Last year, the Portland City Council adopted a city-wide ordinance that protects gay men and lesbians from discrimination. The ordinance was challenged by a ballot question last fall and was upheld at the polls.

A Lewiston ordinance protecting gays and lesbians was approved by the city in January, but is currently suspended and will appear on a ballot question this fall. ▼

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I expect there's some kind of reasoning behind it."

Patricia Ryan, executive director of Maine's Human Rights Commission, said her agency, which oversees the state's civil rights law, will probably come out against the initiative once a formal review of the document takes place.

"From what I understand, it limits protections for gays and lesbians, but also leaves out several other protections," Ryan said. "We wouldn't hesitate to speak out on something like this; we haven't

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Another Face in the Crowd:

The Story of Heide

by Doug Seto

The L.A.-type weather attracted everyone and every sort into the Castro. Men in tank tops and nylon unitards roamed in and out of noisy bars. Political advocates handed out ideology pamphlets and buttons on street corners. A Scandinavian tourist couple walked around proudly displaying their black souvenir Giants caps, a Mr. Clean clone manicured his nails with a Rambo knife, and rainbow flags flapped like hooked fish whenever a cool breeze passed by.

This August first was a special day for Heide: her 46th birthday. After buying coffee and munching on a free donut, Heide walked up in front of Cliff's Variety store and took out a cardboard sign. It read: "For-The-Last-8-years-I've-Been-Working-Toward-My-Sex-Reassignment-Surgery-Please-Help-Me-Reach-My-Goal-Nov., 16-I'm-Only-Short \$4,460.21."

"I'm not happy the way I am," she sighed. "I was basically a female born in a man's body." Suddenly, someone dressed in a Mardi Gras costume and face paint walked up and handed Heide a dollar from an alligator skin bag.

Heide admits that not all of the donations go into her sex change fund. "Sometimes I panhandle enough money to get a room at a hotel; most of

the other times I sleep in a 24-hour movie theater near Saint Anthony's."

A brawny man wearing a net string shirt and spit-shined combat boots walked by: "Hey Heide, hot enough for you?" Heide nodded and stood up; her hairless legs felt numb from sitting all day.

"It's my birthday, sweetie, did you know that?"

"I'll take care of you later," the man said as he headed into Headquarters.

Even though Heide has been living on Castro Street for nearly a decade, only about half of the people working on Castro knew who this reporter was talking about. "She will usually sit outside in the evening, once we close up," said one cashier from Cliff's Variety store, but one of the other cashiers says he never knew Heide existed, even though she sits in front of the store most of the day.

Heide leaned against the cool brick wall as her warm coat and velvet skirt seemed to drag down and the heat made sweat bead out on her forehead until her crimson eye shadow and black mascara blended together. Heide didn't need any base coloring on her clean-shaven face, because many years of living in the streets have allowed the sun to tattoo her face uniformly brown and leathery.

She plans on getting the sex reassignment operation in

Belgium, she says, because it costs \$7,000 less than an operation here. She has saved a bit of cash, which is now with a friend. Heide can't put it in a bank because she will lose her General Assistance. "Don't worry about my friend," she says, "I have known the person for a long time."

A man dressed like a gladiator walked quickly by, ignoring Heide, but a thin mustachioed man tossed her a quarter. When she picked it up, her glossy red nails chipped against the pavement.

Her story

Heide was born August 1, 1947, in Ohio. She was the youngest in the family, and grew up hating her oldest sister. When their parents died, Heide says the oldest sister inherited everything except a '62 Pontiac Catalina.

"Just before my mother died, my father had a stroke and he became senile. He had wrote it [the will] before, but somehow I got jack shit out of it. I wasn't in the lawyer trip."

Starting in 1968, Heide turned tricks "on Broadway, Diamond Heights, everywhere where people had money." For the first year, she says she made about \$150 a night, until several policemen scared her out of prostitution.

All the nights of good money in the San Francisco



Heide is saving the change she collects from passersby for a sex-change operation.

(Photo: Doug Seto)

sixties atmosphere led to a serious drug problem for Heide. "Everything was better back then," she said. "They had much more love for one another." Because of the scrutiny of the police, Heide abandoned prostitution — but the drug problem would not go away so easily. "I started panhandling, and working odd jobs, basically here in the Castro. I used to hang out in the Osmond Center back then, not for detox, just for the friends."

Now Heide is determined to get the operation, and trusts that it will change her life positively. She doesn't expect someone to drop money and a plane ticket in her lap, but says that "if someone could finance me I would like to pay them back on a monthly basis."

Heide also plans on working full time: "After that [the operation], I could get a job as a waitress because they wouldn't know that I wasn't a female." ▼



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For more information about these and other studies contact the HIVCare Client Coordinator at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

GLAAD Media Watch

Cheers for 'Jeers'

by Al Kielwasser

The popular "Cheers 'n' Jeers" column in the August 7 issue of *TV Guide* gives a big "Jeer" to FOX's *Melrose Place* for "creating — then blowing — an excellent opportunity." Says *TV Guide*: "We welcomed the refreshing diversity of its characters: The straight white types typical of most prime-time ensemble casts were joined by Rhonda Williams, a black fitness instructor, and Matt (Doug Savant), a gay social worker. Producers reduced them to tokens, though, never exploiting their potential for socially relevant stories." Too true.

Send a "cheer" to *TV Guide* for "getting it" on this one, and send a copy of your letter to the producers of *Melrose Place*. Write to Althea Disney, *TV Guide*, Radnor, PA 19088. Send copies to Darren Star, Executive Producer, *Melrose Place*, Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.



Doug Savant

Transpacific

The July/August issue of the Asian American magazine *Transpacific* includes a feature on performer Patrick Lee, "Gay & Angry Solo Satirist." The lengthy interview touches upon many aspects of Lee's life, from his vegetarianism to his homosexuality. Many questions addressed Lee's experiences as an "immigrant-Asian-gay," from personal, political and professional perspectives. Also worth checking out in the same issue of *Transpacific* is an informative analysis/photo essay on "Money, Media and the Asian Image." Send comments to the attention of Tom Kagy, Publisher/Editor, *Transpacific*, 23715 W Malibu Road, No. 390, Malibu, CA 90265, tel. 310-456-0790, fax 310-456-3724.

Editor-Bigot at the Enterprise-Record

The *Chico Enterprise-Record*, the only local daily newspaper in Chico, has printed a number of defamatory items, including homophobic editorial cartoons and reprints of columns by arch-bigot John Leo. Recently, a concerned reader wrote to ask the paper to stop preaching "hate and violence." In the May 5 issue of the *Enterprise-Record* that letter was printed, under which the newspaper's editor replied: "We do not and will not support a public policy that grants minority status to a group whose claim to that status is predicated on its deviant sexual behavior." To challenge the paper's profound ignorance and bigotry, write to Jack Winning, Editor, *Chico Enterprise-Record*, P.O. Box 9, Chico, CA 95927, tel. 916-891-1234, fax 916-342-3617.

Un-American Family Association

The American Family Association (AFA), a group of homophobic censors, has begun taking out another series of full-page newspaper advertisements (an example appears on page H/8 of the June 1 *Los Angeles Times*). This time, the AFA is hoping to have 2 million petitions sent to the ABC television network in an effort to block the broadcast of *NYPD Blue* (the AFA boasts a membership of "1,000,000 supporters in all 50 states"). The AFA claims that this new television series will "include nudity, violence, and language never before seen or heard on network TV."

"The time to STAND UP against the filth on television is now!" the AFA ad screeches. The ad lists a number of specific examples of "filth" in television programs, including: "Two

teenage girls decide 'do it' with each other to see if a girl would be better than a boy. The message to millions of young impressionable teenage girls was that they should try lesbianism. Afterward, one confesses her 'love' for the other (*Picket Fences*)." The AFA calls upon readers to "Tell a friend about this ad!" (i.e., pass it along to a fellow bigot). The "Petition to ABC" which readers can clip and fill out, also includes a pledge by the AFA "to notify ABC and EVERY NETWORK TV ADVERTISER every two weeks of the number of households joining this effort."

In the recent past, ABC has made some affirmative contributions to lesbian and gay representation. The ABC sitcom *Coach* offered a frank and affirmative storyline about a gay football player. The ABC soap opera *One Life To Live* incorporated a gay teenager amongst its cast of characters. Last year, ABC gave us a recurring lesbian character on *Roseanne* and, this year, a lesbian police officer is a regular on the ABC series *Sirens*.

To counter the AFA's censorship campaign, write to Ted Harbert, President, ABC Entertainment, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, tel. 310-577-7777. Should you have any desire to share your thoughts with the hateful homophobes at the AFA, you can contact Donald E. Wildmon, President, American Family Association, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.

Rush Limbaugh

Rush Limbaugh, the gaseous talk-show host, continues to make a career out of promoting racism, sexism, and homophobia. Locally, Limbaugh's popular TV show is now broadcast daily in prime-time on KBHK Channel 44. According to sources at KBHK, letters and calls in support of Limbaugh's bigotry have outnumbered the complaints. To express your opinion, contact Tom Spitz, KBHK-TV, 650 California Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108, tel. 415-249-4444.

To get in touch with Rush Limbaugh himself, try any or all of the following: His radio show phone number is 800-282-2882; Fax line: 212-563-9166; Comment line: 900-884-7874; Compuserve number: 70277,2502. Limbaugh can also be educated through the U.S. Postal Service. Write to Rush Limbaugh, EIB Building, 2 Penn Plaza, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10121.

Amongst the sparse "official sponsors" of the Limbaugh show has been the Snapple beverage company.

However, Snapple — which has a company policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation — has indicated a sincere willingness to re-think its sponsorship of Limbaugh. If the company does decide to pull its support from Limbaugh, ask that they let the nation know why. Send encouragement to: Lisa Ballas, Marketing Department, Snapple Soft Drinks, 175 N Central Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580, tel. 516-872-4800, or 800-235-2929.

Affirmative Education

The National Education Association (NEA) has published "Teaching and Counseling Gay and Lesbian Students" as part of the NEA "Human & Civil Rights Action Sheet" series. This action sheet includes a summary of information about homosexuality, homophobia, and educational equity, as well as a list of resource organizations. For more information, contact the National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-3290, tel. 202-822-7700. ▼

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! To notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's San Francisco Bay Area Chap-

ter of defamations, or to request GLAAD membership information, call our office at 415-861-4588; South Bay Hotline 408-235-0229; East Bay Hotline 510-273-9146; fax 415-

861-4893. Our mailing address is GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Hate Is in the Air (Waves)

by Jim Emerson

A new 24-hour television network promoting the conservative and christian fundamentalist agenda plans to begin nationwide broadcasts December 6, and promises to feature anti-gay public affairs programming on a regular basis.

Called National Empowerment Television (NET), and backed by such conservative groups as the Washington, D.C.-based Free Congress Foundation, the new TV network will be available to more than 3.5 million households with satellite dishes, or an estimated 9.8 million Americans. NET will also be offered free of charge to cable television systems, which means the potential audience may be much larger.

NET has signed contracts to use a new TV satellite that AT&T plans to launch later this year, which for the first time will allow NET to broadcast directly to homes. The technology upgrade means the Free Congress Foundation will no longer be limited to its present closed-circuit TV broadcasts. "Soon anyone with a satellite dish will be able to pick up NET," said Elizabeth Carden, press spokeswoman for the network.

Since 1991 the Free Congress Foundation has sporadically beamed closed-circuit programs to group audiences, but those signals can only be received at limited locations with special equipment. Such closed-circuit programs recently shown to conservative right-wing groups have included extensive anti-gay and anti-abortion tirades.

High on the list of issues upon which NET regularly focuses are gays, abortion, feminists, environmentalists, and public education — none of which it likes. New programs promoting so-called traditional religious family values are planned.



Paul Weyrich, president of the conservative Free Congress Foundation.

Two of the shows will likely be called *Family Forum* and *Campus Connection*, modeled after existing closed-circuit TV talk-show programs that NET now only occasionally broadcasts. "We'll have tons of call-in shows," Carden told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Based on the success of its closed-circuit programs broadcast to pre-selected conservative audiences, NET sees creation of a national network as the next logical step to reach a wider audience to distribute its right-wing programs — as a means for attacking gays and other despised "non-traditional" groups or issues.

"The time is right for a

television network dedicated to informing, inspiring, entertaining, and activating Americans by broadcasting programs based on and enshrining traditional American principles and values," says Paul Weyrich, president of the conservative Free Congress Foundation, in a written statement of the network's mission.

NET hopes to debunk non-conservative views of social issues. Liberal perspectives will not be tolerated, nor will criticism of conservatives. "If someone [conservative] gets knocked over the coals in some newsmagazine, we'll tell how the facts were distorted," Carden said.

NET intends to communicate with a broad cross-section of conservative political groups and activists. The network's purpose is to generate grass-roots support to help shape public opinion and to influence the political process favoring right-wing conservative and religious viewpoints. The larger purpose of NET is to win support for conservative electoral candidates on the local grass-roots level nationwide.

The chief architects of NET are Weyrich and former Secretary of Education William Bennett, who serves as chairman on the board of directors. NET will be supported by paid advertising and donations solicited from viewers.

NET is developing new programs for broadcast when it becomes a national network, besides making its current closed-circuit programs available to the mass market audience for the first time.

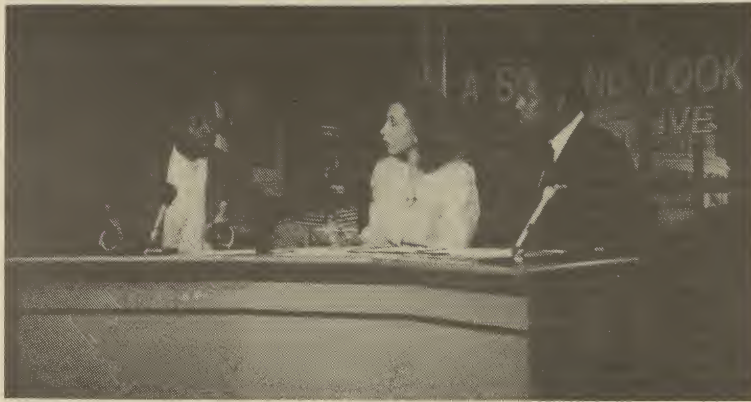
If recent closed-circuit programs are any indication of outrageous rhetoric to expect when NET becomes a national network, the famous religion-against-science Scopes Monkey Trial instigated by a previous generation of religious fundamentalists may seem almost tame or rational by comparison.

After the famous trial of a teacher tried earlier this century for merely teaching the Theory of Evolution, fundamentalists were subject to ridicule for many years, until as recently as the 1970s when they began regrouping. They started gaining political clout when President Reagan was elected.

Today conservatives make it no secret that they plan to use NET as a weapon to wage a full fledged cultural war against the secularization of modern society. It should come as no surprise that hatred and emotional appeals will be used as tools for trying to achieve specific objectives.

One recent closed-circuit program recently warned viewers that gays constituted a "field sanitation" problem. Guest speaker U.S. Marine Reserve Colonel Ron Ray also argued that the military service's ability to fight would be "crippled" and America will self-destruct if gays aren't routinely rooted out. The program also warned that openly gay military officers could also be expected to force subordinates to have sex with them.

Another one of NET's closed-circuit *Family Forum* shows advocated boycotting Levi Strauss & Co. and Wells



National Empowerment Television will bring anti-gay conservatism to your living room later this year. Among its programs is "A Second Look," a black conservative show.

Fargo Bank as punishment for taking a stand against anti-gay discrimination. Both locally-based companies no longer make charitable contributions to the Boy Scouts, to protest against that group's discriminatory policy against gays. NET also advocates boycotting all companies that donate money to Planned Parenthood.

A recent closed-circuit TV presentation to college campuses featured broadcasts of the right-wing propaganda such as the video *The Gay Agenda*, which depicts festively-costumed participants in San Francisco's gay parade and radical gay fringe groups as typical everyday ordinary

behavior for sex-crazed gays.

NET plans to premiere a science program tentatively called *Science in America*, to rebut so-called "false science," which fanatical conservatives claim is propagated by the establishment media to promote liberal causes. "We're certainly not going to push some environmentalist's agenda," Carden said.

One of the topics for discussion on *Science in America* will be the conservative's view of "the truth about AIDS." Other topics will include "environmental extremism" and what industry does for the benefit of the environment.

Another new show in pre-

production, tentatively called *Education Policy*, will promote economic segregation of public schools by advocating a system of tax credit vouchers to reimburse parents who choose to send their children to private schools. NET's official policy will be to oppose funding for special education programs such as Head Start.

New emerging interactive TV technologies still in development will eventually be used for NET, probably allowing viewers to use TV remote controls to transmit messages back to the network, Carden said. Viewers, for example, may be able to request information through

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The search for better healthcare

Since opening the Castro Village Pharmacy last year, we've learned an awful lot - and we mean awful - about the quality of pharmacy, homecare nursing and infusion services for HIV and AIDS patients



It amazes us at Castro Village Pharmacy the number of companies that have discovered HIV and AIDS. Whether it be mail order pharmacies, home infusion companies or those that cash out life insurance policies, AIDS has become a big business. Our need for services has created a multi-billion dollar support network of these companies, all trying to get a piece of the pie.

Don't get the wrong idea, we love competition. Over 90% of our business is with patient's insurance companies (we could do a whole other ad on these guys!). We deal with more than fifty insurance companies. The big drug companies determine what we pay for the drugs and the big insurance companies determine what we get paid for the individual prescription once we fill it.

So other than when you bring in a prescription that you want to pay cash for - all the local drug stores set the price by what the others charge for the same thing - we don't have a hell of a lot of flexibility... except on who we serve and the customer service we provide.

We decided that if we could attract enough private insurance patients to our pharmacy, then we could take MediCal, Catholic Charities, Visiting Nurses and Hospices... all customers that most other pharmacies shy away from because they don't

make as much money. Well, as far as we are concerned, everyone deserves access to medication and services, whether you're gay or straight, black or white, rich or poor.

Our patient advocate in the pharmacy is Ed Miller. His job is to help people find their way through the myriad of confusing services that greet a person who needs help. If you have no insurance, or can't figure out how to deal with the insurance you've got, we have the people to help you.

If all of this sounds pretty simple, it is. It's called customer service.

We've decided to make three big additions to serve you better. First, we're opening another pharmacy across the street from Mount Zion Hospital in the San Francisco Professional Building at the corner of Divisadero and Post Streets. It will have a patient advocate, information space and bulletin boards as well as extensive seating - just like Castro Village Pharmacy. It also has five levels of parking (free when you pick up a prescription), a great little coffee shop next

door (have a coffee on us while you wait) plus we're near Mount Zion Hospital and the many physicians' practices in that neighborhood. The store will be open August 23rd!

Second, we are starting free delivery from Noe Valley to Pacific Heights for all prescription orders. Why call a mail order pharmacy in East Podunk, when you can call us and get your prescriptions the same day?

Third, beginning in the fall, we're setting up a homecare infusion pharmacy that is first and foremost a nursing service. This means that we're more concerned with your care long term than how much money we can make while you are on IV drugs. Whether you are on Medicare, Medicaid or have private insurance, we have round the clock nurses, pharmacists and staff whose primary concern is you.

We didn't open up Castro Village Pharmacy to set the world on fire; we did open it up to show the world that there is an ethical solution to the challenges facing the gay community... and the best people to help solve the problems are from within the gay community itself.

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Obituaries

Richard Glen Rose

March 22, 1951-Aug. 2, 1993



Richard Glen Rose passed away peacefully in San Francisco due to a prolonged illness while encircled by his longtime companion, family and friends.

Richard arrived in the Bay Area in 1975 from Texarcana, Texas, and received a degree in psychology from San Francisco State, where he believed that living in a world without becoming aware of the world was like wandering about in a great library without reading the books, and that the association of people were bound together by oaths and obligations into esoteric fraternities that have descended from the earliest of times and bear witness to natural inclinations to perpetuate doctrines which led to the goodness of all mankind.

Richard is remembered for his beautiful smile, deep compassion, and his warm loving care for others. He treated his pets as his children, strangers as friends, and friends as family. Richard was loved by so many

people that it's difficult to mention each and every person by name of those he touched so deeply, but we know they will all share in his memory. He will always be in our hearts to help see the goodness in ourselves and provide us the strength to make the world a better place for everyone.

We are grateful to the fine staff at UCSF Moffitt Hospital for all their help and support, especially to Dr. Dan Swangard for his efforts which Richard hoped in his passing would enrich Dan's medical pursuits and sincere bedside manner. We deeply appreciate the loving support from Marcy, Peggy, Kendel and the rest of the Saint Francis Hotel staff who meant so much to Richard.

Richard is survived by his father and mother, Glen and Joan Rose; his brothers, Joseph, Gregory, Timothy, Michael and Gerald; his dogs, Demitris and Challenger; his cat, Pumpkin; his longtime companion of 11 years and domestic partner, Skip Hamer; and many loving friends who will miss him dearly. Memorial services were held August 6. A reception will be held August 14 at 3 p.m. Information may be obtained by calling (415) 864-8130. ▼

Eddie "Rosa" Lewelling

March 5, 1948-June 30, 1993



A gentle giant was asked to take an exit from this theatre, to perform on a grander stage.

Edward "Eddie" Lewelling passed from us on Wednesday, June 30, 1993, after suffering from complications with AIDS. Those who knew Eddie, and there are many, from Polk to the Tenderloin, to Castro and beyond, realize what an honor it was to have been in his company.

In 1985, Eddie was chosen Miss Tavern Guild using "Ten Cents A Dance." His theme raised more money than anyone, a figure that has yet to be surpassed.

A quick retort, a personal acknowledgement, or his aura of giving and caring with joy, endeared this man to all who crossed his path in this world. Will miss you, "Rosa." We love you, and please, keep smiling for us.

As per Eddie's request, a celebration of his life, "One ole' shit kicking party," will be held at Kim's, 1351 Polk St., on Sunday, August 15, 1993, from 2-6 p.m. The party will be hosted by family and friends.

Can anyone top your glass trick? ▼

Scott Albert Muench

Jan. 15, 1962-July 1, 1993



Scott gently slipped away while being rocked in his partner Socrates' arms as the sun was rising on a lovely Russian River morning. His friends David and Carolyn were also present to see him off on his journey to freedom.

For nearly nine months he suffered the debilitating effects of HIV encephalopathy, which made his life near its end much as it was in its beginning—like a sweet dependent child's. His courage to live and his gratefulness to all who helped him in his final battle will be remembered by all those fortunate enough to have been able to give of themselves to him. "Those big beautiful eyes," they used to say. When his words left him, he used them to communicate all that was in his heart.

Scott was born in Tampa, FL, but after serving in the Air Force near Monterey, he was smitten by California and stayed to make it his home.

Scott was a consummate chef and enjoyed San Francisco's innumerable restaurants. He worked with computers for awhile and had his own business. He loved and danced a lot. He received and gave joy.

Scott wished to thank Drs. Virginia Cafaro and Margaret Poscher and the staff at Mt. Zion's AIDS unit. Face to Face, Food for Thought and Home Hospice of Sonoma cannot be thanked enough. Also, Cheryl, his home physical therapist; Carolyn Lee, his attendant and care-giver; and the family and friends that were there to the end with him.

For information about Scott's memorial service, please call: (707) 869-9106. ▼

John Daniel Hanson

April 27, 1945-July 31, 1993



Dan passed away Saturday, July 31, from AIDS-related illness. Dan is survived by his mother, Myrna Sutton; brothers Mike and David; and many, many friends. Born in Santa Paula, California, ("lemon capital of the world"), Dan moved to San Francisco early on in his life to study literature at San Francisco State and remained in the city until his last day. Reading was an integral part of Dan's life as he was never without an interesting quote or historical anecdote to share with others in his rich, resonant voice. Never mind that he was always the first to phone you with the latest from Liz Smith ("It's not that I'm a gossip, I just have the best information").

Dan loved the arts, flowers, travel, and his favorite feline, Daisy. He spent many springtimes and autumns visiting Paris, no doubt singing an old standard as he strolled down the street on his way to a museum. Stories from his travels were famous at the Pacific Cafe, where he worked as a waiter since its opening in 1974. At the cafe he was well known for his sharp wit, infectious laughter, and his rainbow collection of solid color shirts. It's difficult to say goodbye to Dan because he loved living so much. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and his many loyal customers.

A special thanks to the wonderful people working at Davies Medical Center who took great care of Dan and who were so kind and helpful to his many visitors. Contributions in Dan's name may be made to any AIDS organization. A memorial honoring Dan will be held on Sunday, August 15, 1993. Please call 387-7091 after 4 p.m. for more information.

Dan, the front door may be locked but the back door is wide open. We love you and miss you. ▼

Charles H. Kelley, Jr.

July 22, 1954-June 16, 1993



Known as Herb to all his friends, Herb died peacefully at his home in Rome, GA, from AIDS-related complications after a short struggle. With Herb as his spirit moved to a far better place were his constant companion and lover Mark, his devoted mother, and his favorite brother, Rusty.

Herb enjoyed and lived life to its fullest. He had lived in San Francisco for eight years before returning home to Rome, GA, for the last ten years. Herb and his lover, Mark, lived together the past eight years in a union made in heaven. Herb touched the heart and lives of all those around him and will be greatly missed. I have learned what a broken heart is. Herb, I will miss you everyday for the rest of my life. I know you are in a far better place and free of pain. You promised when my time comes you will be there to help guide me toward the light to everlasting life. I love you, Herb, and look forward to the time when we are together again. Your dearest friend, Paul Vachon is here to help me learn to live without you, but his loss is as great as mine. Herb, you came into my life and heart and will remain forever. ▼

Morgan Fine

1940-1993



Morgan died peacefully the evening of July 2 at Coming Home Hospice. He had lived with HIV for over six years.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Morgan graduated from the New York School of Business with a bachelor's degree in 1961. In the late '60s he was involved in the gay liberation and male consciousness raising movements. After moving to San Francisco in the early '70s, he worked at a variety of jobs before settling at Rosenblum, Parish and Isaacs as a legal secretary.

Morgan was co-founder of PANT, Pa-

ucan Advocates for Necessary Treatment, an organization that fought against strict guidelines for expanded availability of new drugs and to curb interference by insurers. An early member of ACTUP San Francisco and Project Inform, Morgan worked tirelessly and will be remembered for his compassion and fierce determination to make a difference in the lives of people with HIV. In the last years of his life, Morgan was a generous contributor to numerous AIDS projects and groups within our community.

Many who knew Morgan say he was sometimes cantankerous, but for his inner circle of friends he was a powerful force in their lives.

Morgan was cremated in accordance with his wishes. His ashes were scattered on the Bay. ▼

Michael James Postl

March 31, 1953-August 6, 1993



Michael passed over peacefully the first rays of the rising sun on August 6. At his side was his devoted lover of six years, Matthew Pausa. Michael is also survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Postl, his sister Karen and long-time friends Cecile Keefe, Davis Dalbok, and Greggott Mitchell.

Many other friends helped with Michael's care and surrounded him with love and light, especially during the last months of his stay here. Michael was a brilliant landscape designer and visual artist and through his company, Living Green, he left behind a legacy of beautiful gardens throughout the Bay Area. He was also a gifted musician, collage artist and writer. Michael loved his home on the Big Island, and in accordance with his wishes, his ashes will be scattered amongst the trees there. We will all miss your fiery spirit, your witty sense of humor and the gorgeous golden light that you radiated. Sail on, Heartfire. ▼

Todd Robert Carvalho

June 19, 1963-Aug. 6, 1993



On June 19, 1993 a beautiful boy was born, and on that day no one was to know the impact this person would have in our lives. He touched us each as individuals and made us feel we were his best friends.

His energy and enthusiasm outshined all. He will never be forgotten. May his dance be long remembered. ▼

G. Stephen Phillips

July 12, 1956-July 29, 1993



On July 29, Garrison Stephen Phillips slipped quietly and peacefully away to join friends gone on before him after a short but valiant bout with complications due to AIDS at Kaiser Permanente French Campus. Stephen was a gentle, soft-spoken spirit and will be remembered by all who knew him.

Stephen was born Gary P. Whitted in Ithaca, New York on July 12, 1956. Shortly after graduating with honors from Bryant & Stratton Business College in Buffalo, he made his pilgrimage to the Bay Area in 1978. He lived briefly in Oakland and Berkeley, and finally settled in San Francisco. Over the years he worked in various jobs, among them were GSA, peerless Electric, Hibernia Bank and lastly, Bank of America. He was briefly active in ARC/AIDS Theater Group and volunteered at Kaiser Permanente as an AIDS Volunteer.

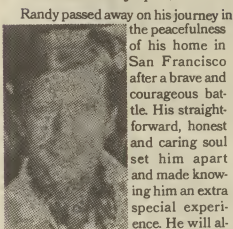
He is survived by his life partner, Douglas of San Francisco; and his mother, Eleanor K. Whitted of Trumbull Corners, New York.

A celebration of Stephen's life will be held Sunday, August 15 from 1-5 p.m. Please call 252-9029 for details. ▼

Obituaries

Randy A. Winter

Feb. 13, 1955-July 16, 1993



Randy passed away on his journey in the peacefulness of his home in San Francisco after a brave and courageous battle. His straight-forward, honest and caring soul set him apart and made knowing him an extra special experience. He will always be my inspiration.

Randy took great enjoyment in his vocation and was proud to be employed by Charles Schwab.

He will be deeply missed and always dearly remembered by his family and friends. He is survived by his mother Clara, father Wilmar Winter and sister Diane.

Have an extraordinary journey, "blonde boy." ▼

Raymond Love Clark, Jr.

Nov. 24, 1951-Aug. 6, 1993

Ray ended his courageous battle against the devastation of AIDS at the California Campus of the California-Pacific Medical Center with his companion in love and his wonderful parents at his side. He had returned to the love and support of the nurses and staff of One East, who had cared for him so often, after receiving excellent care in the ICU.

A native of Texas, Ray earned his B.A. in English and Theatre at Texas A&M University before moving to the Bay Area in 1980. Ray began a distinguished career at Chevron with its Public Affairs Department before moving to Chevron International and establishing a highly-regarded Graphics Unit there.

Ray is survived by his companion of seven years, Brian Well, of San Francisco; his parents, Joyce and Raymond, of Killen, Texas; his brother Tracy and sister Linda, both of Houston, Texas; his precious cocker spaniel, Rupert; and many friends worldwide in his Chevron family.

Brian is grateful for the wonderful love and support given by Bruce, Charles, Herb, Jane, Mark, Nancy, and all the others who held Ray in their thoughts and prayers.

A memorial service was held in San Francisco on Tuesday, August 10, and burial services are scheduled in Houston on Friday, August 13. Donations to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., San Francisco, 94110, are requested in lieu of other remembrances. ▼

Erwin Neff

Nov. 5, 1938-Aug. 4, 1993

Born in Zurich, Switzerland, and orphaned at an early age, he became the quintessential American success story. A mentor both personally and professionally, he helped launch numerous successful careers in the Custom House Brokerage Industry. An early pioneer in organizational efforts in helping those with AIDS, he was a founding member of Coming Home Hospice Bingo, where he worked tirelessly for over three years.

Suffering painfully from multiple sclerosis brought on by advanced HIV disease, he passed away at his home in upper Noe Valley where he is survived by his lover of 10 years, Kent Pasek.

Erwin was grateful to those who unselfishly gave of themselves during his difficult times. Special thanks to Selma, whose skill in care made things a bit easier for him.

A memorial service will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Parish at 100 Diamond St., on Friday, August 13, 1993 at 11 a.m.

A celebration of his life will follow immediately afterwards. His ashes will be scattered privately up at the Russian River. Donations can be made to the Erwin Neff Trust to benefit Most Holy Redeemer Support Group. ▼

Donald Mark Whitacre

August 7, 1993

Don passed away on August 7, 1993 at 7:30 a.m. in Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, Monterey, CA.

A resident of San Francisco for the past six years, he recently moved to Salinas, CA to reside with his mother. He was born in West Virginia and is survived by his sister, Catherine Mischel of Pensacola; and his mother, Barbara V. Whitacre.

Memorial services will be held at San Francisco's Golden Gate Toll Plaza Park on Friday, August 13, 1993 at 11 a.m.

Don loved old movies, disco, Glenn Miller and Looney Tunes. He was often seen at The Pillsbury, Kimo's, and The Gulch.

"Say Goodnight, Gracie." In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted at P.A.W.S. ▼

Robert Good

Dec. 15, 1967-July 5, 1993

Robert died peacefully at home, aged 25 years, after a short, sharp battle with AIDS-related herpes. He was born in Munich, Germany, and lived most of his life in San Antonio, Texas, before coming to San Francisco in 1989 with nothing but the shirt on his back. He went to work at a fast food restaurant as a night drive-through window clerk where he remained until he was no longer able to work. Robert was honest, kind and loving, and deserved better than he got.

Robert is survived by his grandparents in Baytown, Texas; his mother, Jan, and his niece, Jennifer, whom he adored. His friends, Ken, Albert, Pam, Verah, Christie and Millie, and Joe and Kathi, will scatter his ashes off the Mendocino Coast in mid September. Mr. Bowzer and Checkers miss him terribly.

He spent three of his last six months on Ward 5 where he received wonderful care, especially from Cecilia, Lewis, Adrienne, Ricardo, Dr. Kathryn Resenbrink and Dr. Linda Liu. Also to be thanked are Marilyn Wall, Dr. Laura Worth, and the entire staff of Ward 86 who care so much for all of their charges. Gene Gore and the staff of Visiting Nurses/Hospice went well above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to Rita Rocket, whose Sunday brunches were a wonderful break in the hospital routine.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Visiting Nurses/Hospice, Rita Rocket, or to any organization promoting safe-sex awareness among teenagers and young adults. ▼

Eric Donald Cleary

1950-1993

Eric died on August 6, 1993, in Oakland, California, from complications due to HIV. Born in Haverhill, MA on July 22, 1950, Eric received degrees from Boston University and from the College of San Francisco. He worked for the past 15 years in the legal department of PMI mortgage insurance company. An avid runner, he participated frequently in the Bay to Breakers marathon. Correspondence can be sent to his mother, Mrs. Frances Cleary, 80 Montclair Rd., Haverhill, MA 01830.

Memorial donations in Eric's name can be sent to the S.F. AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness, SF 94142 or Open Hand AIDS Project of the East Bay. ▼

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Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m. ▼

Health News

Yes, You Can Be Too Thin

by Ball State News Bureau
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MUNCIE, Indiana - The "lean male" look promoted heavily by fashion magazines and other media outlets is causing dangerous physiological side-effects for American men, says a Ball State University psychologist.

An increasing number of young males now suffer from eating disorders or over-exercised exercise because of what society expects to see in the male body, said Ellen Lucas Mauer, a Ball State University psychologist.

"Although the numbers are small, we are seeing more and more young men with health problems related to eating disorders," said Mauer, who works in Ball State's Counseling and Psychological Services Center. "I believe it is because men struggle to stay thin when age changes their bodies."

Men suffer from eating disorders just like many women, but their plight has been severely under-publicized, Mauer said.

"For the last two decades, we've heard all these stories about women and their eating disorders," she said. "That is because 95 percent of the people with eating disorders are women."

Mauer believes the problem has been overlooked by the public - particularly by men themselves - for a variety of reasons, including:

- Males seek out psychological services less often than do women, reducing the opportunities for clinicians to assess eating disorders;

- Many men refuse to admit to having an eating disorder because such problems are identified with women; and

- Physicians often overlook the problem among male patients.

The two main eating disorders are anorexia, a refusal to maintain an ideal weight for height and age, and bulimia, which is binge eating followed by purging. Anorexic individuals maintain a weight of at least 15 percent less than what is appropriate for their height and age.

Mauer said that participating in athletics may also contribute to eating disorders. Success in several sports, including running, wrestling, horse racing, and gymnastics, often depends on keeping weight low or making specific weight classifications.

"Young males may have to get down to a weight that will give them success in a sport but may be dangerous to their bodies," she said. "It is not healthy to lose ten pounds in just a few days to stay at a desired weight for a sporting event."

Mauer said the numbers of males suffering from eating disorders will probably increase until society changes its priorities.

"We have kids who place too much emphasis on how they look because that is what they see on television and in magazines," she said. "They must learn they can be successful in other areas." ▼

UN: Prognosis Isn't Good For Young Women and HIV

United Press International

UNITED NATIONS - More than two-thirds of new HIV infections among women are occurring among women under 25, creating a "silent" AIDS epidemic among teens, a United Nations agency report said Wednesday, July 28.

Dr. Karen Hein, professor of pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and spokeswoman for the U.N. Development Program, said half the 14 million people now infected with HIV were infected between age 15 and 24, and about half of the 6,000 new infections each day are among young women.

"Teenage girls are the leading edge of the next wave of the HIV epidemic," said Hein, blaming the problem on social, economic, and anatomical factors that make teen women especially vulnerable to AIDS.

Hein said teenage girls' less mature bodies are less capable of fending off sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS and gonorrhea. One reason is that their vaginal linings are thinner than those of mature women, making it easier for a virus like HIV to permeate the young woman's body, she said.

Economic and cultural fac-

tors also put young women at special risk, she said. In many societies teen girls are forced into marriages or into having sex with relatives or others. Even married women face risk because many men are promiscuous and "bring HIV home," Hein said.

Teen experimentation with sex is another factor, especially in places where condoms are unavailable, Hein said, adding that the world recession forces many girls into "survival sex in exchange for food, clothing, or shelter."

A new UNDP report, based on data from Zaire, Thailand, Burma (Myanmar), Uganda, Rwanda, and 31 European countries, said sexually active women in their 20s now have higher rates of HIV infection than older women or young men. About 70 percent of the 3,000 women a day who are infected with HIV and the 500 who die of AIDS each day are between 15 and 25.

"Despite the increasing evidence of the susceptibility of young women to HIV infection, little international attention has yet been given to them," said Elizabeth Reid, director of the agency's HIV and Development Program. "Strategies to protect [young women] from infection will have to involve men as well as women." ▼

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They Call This Court *Supreme?* 1992-93 Federal Bench Wrap-Up

by Michael Kirkland

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court has recessed for the summer, but the decisions it handed down over the past nine months may help shape how Americans live for years to come.

This court is passing into history, and the justices who form it will never be assembled again: Justice Byron White, a moderate conservative, has retired; Federal circuit Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a moderate liberal, has taken his place.

The 1992-93 term will be remembered for several controversial themes. Among them is the repeated protection of religious speech when it comes into contact with the power of the state.

In "Lamb's Chapel," the justices unanimously ruled that religious speech is protected, just like any other form of speech. They said a New York public school could not deny access to a fundamentalist church that wanted to show a film on "family values" in a classroom after hours. The school granted access to civic groups for roughly the same purposes.

But in "Zobrest," a sharply divided court overturned a circuit court decision, ruling that an Arizona school district had to provide a sign inter-

preter for a deaf student in a Catholic school.

Following that decision, Americans United for Separation of Church and State said, "for the first time in American history, tax dollars will be used to subsidize a student's participation in worship services and religious training." The services and training are part of the parochial school schedule.

But Walter Weber, litigation counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), an organization founded by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson to further the goals of the religious right in the courts, said, "Zobrest could have gone either way. With White being gone, who knows how that will come down?"

White cast the deciding vote in the 5-4 decision.

In "Lukumi Babalu," a battle between an Afro-Caribbean religion called Santeria and the Miami suburb of Hialeah, a unanimous court ruled that a city could not discriminate against religious acts when it allowed the same acts by secular groups.

A Hialeah ordinance had in effect outlawed animal sacrifice for religious purposes, but permitted the slaughter of animals for food, sport, or even pest control.

For University of Virginia law professor A.E. "Dick"

Howard, this term has shown a court in conflict and transition.

"This is not a term of innovation," Howard says. "I'm struck by the extent to which the court avoided significant issues ... and the disarray among the justices."

But Howard thinks the just-ended term saw the emergence of Souter as a true power on the court.

"Last year there was a lot of talk about the so-called 'centrist block,'" Howard says. "There's no evidence of it this term. [Justice Anthony] Kennedy has consistently voted in lockstep" with the hard-line conservatives, Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas and Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The "centrist block" was supposed to consist of Kennedy and Souter, along with Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens and White. In practice, however, White has often joined Scalia, Rehnquist and Thomas.

But Howard sees an increasing role for Souter, with "a pattern of reflection and growth." Howard thinks Souter, who has sided often with the moderates and liberals, is "capable of having significant impact on the court."

Another controversial area for the high court this term has been minority rights.

Ruth Ginsburg's Real Gay Agenda?

by David O'Connor

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in to the Supreme Court this week, becoming the second woman to join the high court. Headlines during her recent hearings blared Ginsburg's support for gay rights, but some activists are leery of her stand on gay issues.

"I think rank discrimination against anyone is against the tradition of the United States and is to be deplored," Ginsburg told the Senate Judiciary Committee last month.

But *The Washington Blade's* Lisa Keen reported that in response to a different question, Ginsburg aligned herself with former Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan in his legal opinions to a right to privacy.

Gay legal activists were alarmed because Harlan's stands were generally conservative and because he said he did not believe gay sexual re-

lations are protected by a right to privacy.

"I would not suggest that adultery, homosexuality, fornication and incest are immune from criminal enquiry, however privately practiced," Harlan wrote in 1961.

While some gay activists said they fear what Ginsburg's reference to Harlan will mean for gay rights, others suggested the new Supreme Court justice was not referring specifically to Harlan's stand on gay rights.

Some say Ginsburg is more likely to support rights for gays and lesbians on grounds of equal protection rather than on grounds of a right to privacy.

Also of concern to gay activists is Ginsburg vote not to grant a rehearing to a gay sailor discharged for engaging in gay sex. Ginsburg said she felt the Supreme Court's action in a related case precluded the lower court from taking further action. ▼

First the justices ruled 7-2 that white contractors had a right to challenge a city's policy of setting aside a portion of municipal contracts for minorities.

Then in a 5-4 decision — with White among the minority this time — the court ruled that congressional districts cannot be formed along strictly racial lines unless there's a "compelling" reason for doing so.

The Supreme Court ordered a federal district court to hear the challenge of five white North Carolina voters, who are objecting to a black-majority district that's 160 miles long and follows the Interstate 85 corridor.

The ruling could generate challenge after challenge, mainly throughout the South, to districts formed to give blacks and Hispanics majorities.

Another decision that angered minority rights advocates was the court's allowing the Clinton administration to continue returning Haitian refugees to their Caribbean home without hearings when they're intercepted at sea.

The ruling is an exception to a federal law — buttressed by international treaty — that requires immigration officials to grant hearings when immigrants are fleeing physical harm.

But perhaps no series of decisions generated as much judicial anguish as several rulings on the death penalty this past term — all of them connected to Texas' death row.

The Supreme Court ruled for Texas in "Graham" and "Johnson," two death penalty appeals that were based on the youth of the men when they killed. Their lawyers had argued that since Texas had changed the jury instruction law in 1992 to allow sentencing panels to consider specific "mitigating factors" when they sentenced convicts to death, the pre-1992 Graham and Johnson juries were not

allowed to consider those factors.

But the high court turned down the "Graham" appeal on the grounds that it would require new constitutional precedent. Souter, joined by Justices Harry Blackmun, Stevens, and O'Connor, dissented.

The high court also turned down "Johnson" in a 5-4 decision. Each time, White provided the deciding vote.

And finally, the court ruled 6-3 to allow the execution of Leonel Torres Herrera, in a case that brought international attention. Herrera had been sentenced to death for killing two police officers in 1981.

Strong circumstantial evidence pinned Herrera to the killings. One officer identified Herrera as the assailant before he died. Herrera pleaded guilty to killing the other officer.

But Herrera later claimed that it was his dead brother who did the killing, claimed he had witnesses to his late brother's confession to the crime and appealed to the Supreme Court on the grounds that he was innocent.

An opinion delivered by Rehnquist said a "claim of actual innocence" did not entitle Herrera to an appeal.

This brought an incredulous dissent from Blackmun, joined by Souter and Stevens in all but the concluding paragraph.

That paragraph, UVA's Howard says, has "all the passion of a Thurgood Marshall."

Blackmun, the court's oldest member and current champion of individual rights, wrote in part:

"Of one thing, however, I am certain. Just as an execution without adequate safeguards is unacceptable, so too is an execution when the condemned prisoner can prove that he is innocent. The execution of a person who can show that he is innocent comes perilously close to murder." ▼

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Infused With Hope

by Michael C. Botkin

Morale in the AIDS movement appears to be in something of a slump. It's hard to find an optimistic opinion anywhere amid the gloom and doom. Always willing to swim against the tide, I will (eventually) offer some positive prospects here, but first, in all fairness, we must acknowledge the down side.

For starts, on the scientific front, there was the European Concorde study casting a shadow on AZT and all its Nucleoside Analog brethren.

Commentary

Then there was the Berlin conference, where virtually all the would-be successors to AZT were reported to have bombed abysmally (the only tidbit of good news, about Neverapine and "triple combo therapy," was later acknowledged to be a lab error).

Bill Clinton's election raised hopes that political leadership would organize and galvanize AIDS research, but those hopes faded very fast. It took him several months to getting around to naming an AIDS "czar," and then he appointed an anti-activist graduate student to a powerless "advisory" post on the White House staff. New AIDS czarina Christine Gebbie has promised to be open minded, but she also likes to say (referring to AIDS activists) that "no one ever got anywhere just by screaming and yelling" and that "most of our efforts should be targeted on prevention" (i.e. let the fags die and work on saving mainstreamers).

It's not clear what techniques she does advocate, but when she attended a recent national AIDS research and policy meeting in Wisconsin she "slept through about half of it" according to local activists also present. The poor thing is probably exhausted from working on her dissertation (is it true that Reagan-era AIDS commissioner June Osborn is her committee chairperson?) and has to squeeze in saving America from AIDS out of her free time.

Clinton boosters in the gay community — a rapidly vanishing breed — point out that the AIDS budget was increased over 20 percent this year. Technically true: but they had that pitiful Reagan/Bush baseline to start from. Even with this advantage, the "increase" completely disappears when you account for inflation and increase in caseload. Overall, the Clinton administration does not appear to be heavily interested in (nor particularly capable of) providing vigorous leadership in the war on AIDS. Like Gebbie, they seem content to nap through the yammering of the experts and activists, proffer a few supportive platitudes, and then get back to the serious business of promoting their own careers.

Meanwhile, the activist and grass-roots movements are suffering from a lack of energy and focus. The morale collapse of the Nucleoside Analog industry has sparked a revival of snake-oil scams. The misguided and ultimately futile efforts to lift the ban on

gays in the military monopolized community support, the detriment of AIDS activism.

Finally, the "private sector," as is its wont, appears more interested in self-promotion than anything else. There are dozens of celebrity "foundations" raising money for AIDS — the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Arthur Ashe Foundation, the Elizabeth Taylor Foundation, the Mary Fisher Republican-heiress' fund-for-Innocent Heterosexual-PWAs Foundation — but none of them seem to be disbursing these funds in any visible or meaningful way.

The shadowy "Orion Institute" recently mailed its slick fund-raising appeal to tens of thousands of queers, but it doesn't mention a single person or institution affiliated with it, only a 1-800 number for donations. Its vague but grandiose program centers on "dry-lab research," the implication of which is that it's all done with computer models, but their choice of words ("dry-labbing" usually refers to faking results without actually running the experiment) is perhaps more honest than they intend.

Profitable pills

Despite all this, I believe that effective treatments for AIDS are possible, and with fairly minor advances in the existing technology. Hopes for a "cure" seem pretty far-fetched, and are always predicated on some massive breakthrough that revolutionizes our understanding of the disease. Such speculations are wishful thinking, and reflect just how bewildered most of the AIDS research community is. But achieving the more limited goals of halting HIV's progression and preventing opportunistic infections is possible.

It's obvious now that the Nucleoside Analog strategy is bankrupt, or at least that it offers only temporary relief. None of the much touted "alternative" treatments has mustered any convincing evidence to date: for example last year's fad, Oral Interferon, was definitively shot down at Berlin. Compound Q, the fad from the year before, has disappeared into the labs and has yet to emerge (they're still escalating the dose, trying to find an effective one that won't kill the patient).

I believe that the eventual effective treatment will be some sort of infusion therapy, a monthly transfusion of HIV-controlling plasma. Local labs already provide PATH to few hundred PWAs. This procedure takes blood components from healthy Hivers, processes them, and gives them to less healthy PWAs. Early results suggest that it resolves a lot of minor symptoms and promotes survival, but conclusive evidence has yet to be presented. One of the few bright lights on the traditional research horizon is CD-8 expansion, where an Hiver's own T-cells are sampled and then mass-produced in a lab and re-infused.

Infants with AIDS are almost always given HIVIG, another treated-blood product that appears to lend the recipient an intact immune system for about a month. It almost eliminates opportunistic infections. But it is never given to adults, even though its effec-



tiveness is obvious. There aren't even any trials underway to explore its application to the entire HIV community. Many individual PWAs try to get it, but insurers universally resist these urgent requests. Why?

Well, it's expensive; about a thousand bucks a pop every month. It's hard for pharmaceutical companies to corner the profit on it, since so much of the cost is related to the actual transfusing and therefore goes to doctors, nurses, and hospitals. It's difficult to patent such a process, and easy to evade a patent by using a minor variation of the original technique. Research

on PATH, mentioned above, has been repeatedly delayed by a legal squabble between rival developers.

So the big boys just aren't interested. They'd prefer to push some immensely profitable pills, even if they don't do much, rather than risk research money on a treatment that will save lives but yield only a moderate payoff.

And there are limits to the infusion approach. It requires processing labs. It is a late-stage treatment, valuable for highly progressed PWAs but probably of little use to recently infected Hivers. It's expensive, and those who insist that all new HIV treatments

be "cheap enough to use in Africa" won't like it (although, of course, all currently existing therapies are beyond the reach of African Hivers — in most countries they can't afford HIV tests or clean syringes, let alone even the cheapest AIDS drugs).

But the main barriers are political, not scientific. Effective transfusion therapies, controlling if not eliminating HIV, and saving tens of thousands of lives are possible in the very near future if only our country can find the will to develop them. On this last, crucial point, however, I can offer little hope. ▼

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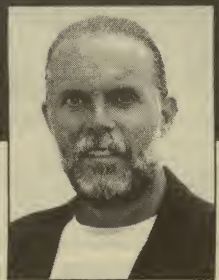
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National News**Quakers, Catholics
Discuss Gay Unions**

United Press International

Gay marriage is stirring debate among leaders on both the Catholic and Quaker faiths.

An Ohio priest who performed five same-sex marriages says lesbians and gays are a segment of God's children; but higher ups in the Catholic hierarchy argue they are children of a lesser god.

Meanwhile, this week a group of 63 Indiana congregations of the Society of Friends—popularly known as Quakers—will discuss whether to sanction gay weddings.

The Reverend Michael Paraniuk, a Catholic priest, told the *Mount Washington Press*, a weekly newspaper, that he performed secret ceremonies at the homes of five gay and lesbian couples.

"Paraniuk has denied that his actions were intended to be marriage ceremonies," said the Reverend Daniel Conlon, the chancellor. "Nevertheless, his actions were inappropriate, and they will undoubtedly

be a source of confusion to many people."

Conlon said Paraniuk cannot perform same-sex unions under the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, because the church recognizes marriage as a union between man and woman.

Paraniuk declined to discuss the issue and referred questions to the archdiocese.

The priest told the *Press* he would deny such unions were performed.

"There's too much at stake in this," he told the weekly newspaper. "Every one I've ever done I've said must be secret."

Paraniuk has spoken out about homosexuality before. He donated a subscription to a gay and lesbian magazine to the Clermont County Public Library after citizens protested display of the magazine in a library.

Paraniuk, who is a chaplain at Children's Hospital and St. Francis-St. George Hospital, has said gays and lesbians are a segment of God's children.

Calm expected at Quaker meeting

Quaker organizers said calmness is expected to prevail as they discuss same-sex marriage this week.

Bloomington Friends congregation, a member of the Plainfield-based Western Yearly meeting, held a religious ceremony May 29 celebrating the union of two men.

Rather than voting on the dispute, the Quakers will discuss the situation and make a decision once they reach unity, said James Johnson, presiding clerk of Western Yearly. Daily attendance of between 80 and 200 is expected at the meeting.

One course might be for Bloomington Friends to leave Western Yearly.

A spokesman for Bloomington Friends said the congregation discussed the proposed rites for two years before agreeing that the two men had a committed relationship worthy of recognition by the church. ▼

**Murderer Demands
HIV Quarantine in Prison**

United Press International

TALLAHASSEE, Florida — Two prisoners have filed a lawsuit demanding that Florida separate inmates with AIDS, saying they are terrified of contracting the disease through foul play, unsanitary conditions, or rape.

The handwritten, 19-page lawsuit was filed against the Florida Department of Corrections by William Gerry Hargrove and H. David Wallick, prisoners at the Tomoka Correctional Institution in Daytona Beach.

"My biggest fear is being raped," said Hargrove, 39,

who is serving 25 years to life for murdering his Tampa girlfriend's lover in 1987. "I'm five-four, 140 pounds, and I'm white. Do you know what that means in this place? I choose the times I take showers very carefully."

Wallick, 50, of Orlando, began serving a 15-year sentence for cocaine trafficking in 1990.

The pair said they have no money and were unable to find an attorney to represent them in the suit, filed in Leon County Circuit Court.

The chief medical administrator for the Department of Corrections said there is no

reason to segregate the prisoners and called the idea "a waste of money."

A lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union called the lawsuit "deplorable, discriminatory," and the homophobic result of the lack of education and awareness in state prisons nationwide.

On June 30, 411 Florida prisoners were identified with AIDS and another 1,507 tested positive for HIV. Since such tests are voluntary, only about a third of the state's 50,000 prisoners have been tested. ▼

**Gay, Women's Groups
Blast Possible Powell Replacement**

United Press International

TAMPA — National gay rights and women's groups oppose the possible nomination of a Tampa-based general to succeed General Colin Powell as the military's top officer.

General Joseph P. Hoar, commander of U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, has been identified as a front-runner in the competition to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff when Powell retires September 30.

But gay and women's groups said Hoar, 58, is not the man to carry out President Clinton's "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy

on gays in uniform.

Hoar ran the Marine Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina, during an investigation into lesbian conduct at the facility. Three female Marines went to prison and at least ten others were administratively discharged.

"To push this appointment through would be like Clinton grinding his heel into the gay and lesbian and women's communities," said Rosemary Dempsey, spokeswoman for the National Organization for Women.

Barbara Baun, a military police officer who served six months in prison for having sex with another female Marine in the South Carolina incident, said the investigation

got out of control. She blamed Hoar for not putting his foot down.

"He gave ultimate authority for this to happen," she said.

The Marines denied impropriety and Hoar's career didn't suffer following the probe.

Sparked by allegations of fraternization between drill instructors and recruits, the 1988 investigation turned into a sweeping search for lesbian Marines at the boot camp.

Naval Investigative Service agents grilled women about their sexual practices and demanded a list of homosexuals. Reports said nearly half of the 246 women at Parris Island were interviewed. ▼

A Struggle for Justice

by Elizabeth West

Debra Reid is an African-American lesbian incarcerated for accidentally killing Jackie Gary, Debra's female lover and batterer. On May 1, 1990, Debra was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to nine to 14 years in prison. Currently, Debra is petitioning Massachusetts Governor William Weld for a commutation of her sentence. Much of the information on her struggle has been disseminated by The Network for Battered Lesbians in Boston.

Due to the multiple oppressions she faces as a battered lesbian of color with few monetary and social resources, Debra's struggle to have her sentence commuted has been difficult. Notably, Debra's perseverance and day-to-day struggle to consistently and honestly tell her story from a lesbian perspective is courageous.

Debra is fighting to be seen not only as a lesbian but as a lesbian who has been battered. As Debra says, "No matter how much anyone wants to keep lesbian battering in the closet, I am going to open the door to the closet. Because they'll never be able to tell lesbians and gay men that they never heard of this. Because I have told them." (*The Network News*, Spring 1993)

The incident leading up to Jackie's death took place in Debra and Jackie's kitchen. According to Debra, she was preparing dinner and Jackie was upset that Debra had given a mutual friend wine. Jackie then assaulted Debra, choked her, and threatened to hurt her severely. Debra held the knife with which she was cutting vegetables and struggled to get Jackie off her. When Debra pushed Jackie away, she noticed Jackie was bleeding and realized she must have stabbed her. The three people present did not defend or assist Debra when Jackie was assaulting her.

The court process

Debra first appeared in court in 1989. Her trial was blatantly discriminatory for several reasons. A primary factor in Debra's unfair trial was her court-appointed lawyer, who considered Debra and Jackie's lesbian relationship problematic. He instructed the jury to forget that Jackie and Debra were in a lesbian relationship. Additionally, he did not inform the jury that Debra was battered by Jackie. Instead of presenting information about Jackie's abuse, the sole focus became the night of Jackie's death.

Further, the court-appointed lawyer did not present information about battered women's syndrome, nor did he use expert testimony to educate the jury and judge about lesbian battering. As Debra says, "I felt like I was on trial not for the death of Jackie but for just being a lesbian." (*Sojourner*, May 1992) The omission of crucial information during Debra's trial in addition to the heterosexism, racism, and classism of the court system led to Debra being given a sentence of nine to fourteen years.

On January 11-12, 1993, Debra went before the Massachusetts Advisory Board of

Pardons for a full evidentiary hearing on her commutation petition. As with her 1989 trial, the Board did not ask Debra about the abuse she experienced with Jackie. The reason for this stark omission, in Debra's opinion, was the Board's ignorance about lesbian battering.

On the second day of the hearing, the Board talked with the police, the D. A., and Jackie's family. In contrast to the first day in court, the Board questioned all three parties about the abuse Debra experienced. The two eyewitnesses to the stabbing, who were testifying in opposition to Debra, remarkably admitted that they believed she did not intend to kill Jackie. The Board has not yet issued a decision.

In support of Debra Reid

The Network for Battered Lesbians in Boston, Massachusetts, has been a primary source of support for Debra while she has been incarcerated. The Network is a political organization seeking to end lesbian battering by working for systemic change. The Network believes that lesbian battering is interconnected with all oppressions and, thus, strives to work against racism, sexism, militarism, child abuse, and all other injustices.

Ann Russo, a member of the Network, interviewed Debra in 1990 and published an abbreviated version of Debra's story in the May 1992 issue of *Sojourner*. The Network has also secured housing and employment for Debra when she is released from her incarceration. In addition, the Network strives to provide her with much-needed emotional support.

Currently, I am coordinating the creation of a quilt in support of Debra's struggle for justice. I am asking individuals to make squares that in some way depict their support of Debra. For square guidelines and more information about the Queer Battering Quilt Project, please write to: QBQP, P.O. Box 1173, Bowling Green, OH, 43402.

Please write in support of Debra's petition to:

- Governor William Weld
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Boston, MA 02133
- Governor's Executive Council
State House, Room 184
Boston, MA 02133
- Advisory Board of Pardons
2743 Wormwood Street
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Debra would love to hear from people. You can write her at: Fay Cottage/ MCI Lancaster/ P.O. Box 123/ Lancaster, MA 01523.

[Elizabeth West is a CUAV volunteer. Elizabeth is also working with Empty the Shelters, a student-run organization that fights poverty and homelessness, as an intern at Tenderloin Self-Help Center. CUAV is happy to provide her with a forum to discuss her experience and views, which do not necessarily reflect those of the Bay Area Reporter.]▼

CUAV is a non-profit agency that works to prevent hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender persons and promotes personal and community safety. The agency also provides counseling, advocacy, and referral to people who are bashed or who are battered in same-sex domestic violence. For services or more information, call 415/777-5500. If you are bashed or battered and need help call our 24-hour CrisisLine at 415/333-HELP. The agency's offices are located at 973 Market Street, Suite 500, San Francisco. ▼

Zuniga

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spoken by our brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, this is but one example of the infighting and divisiveness that plague our community. In the last month alone, I have witnessed countless scenes in which we cannibalize our own, tearing at the jugular of those with whom we disagree. Were these attacks based on a true and fair understanding of the issues, they could conceivably be justified. More often than not, however, they are vicious attacks on people who do not fall in line with certain points of view.

While waiting to deliver a speech in San Diego last month, an AIDS activist was invited to the podium to make a 2 1/2-minute presentation (the same amount of time allocated to every speaker, including the keynote). He stood at the podium and through his entire time derided the efforts of the community to achieve gay civil rights through our efforts to lift the military ban, cursed us for not focusing exclusively on the AIDS issue but instead diverting energy, time, and money to the gays in the military issue, and peppered his diatribe with the phrase, "Two minutes is not enough!" (It could have been enough time to educate at least one in the crowd of the horrors of this pandemic).

A lesbian pacifist took to the podium in Cincinnati, Ohio, and expounded about how the military should be abolished and how every gay man and lesbian wanting to enlist into an organization known to violate human rights should be banished from our community. Gays and lesbians in the military should receive no sympathy, she added, even though their civil rights are denied them, because they, by their very presence in the military, share in the military's responsibility for the violation of human rights since the military's inception.

Michael Petrelis, co-founder of Queer Nation, was angered by a quote of mine in *The Advocate* in which I said that I personally did not embrace the militancy with which some groups in our community attempt to create change. He conveniently discounted the remainder of the quote in which I added that there was room for everyone in our community and that these groups had achieved through in-your-face diplomacy what dialogue and compromise had miserably failed in the initial days of the AIDS fight. In a 25-minute telephone conversation with me, and in similar conversations with others, Petrelis has defiled those who do not acknowledge that there is only one all-important issue in our community. The sacrifice of every servicemember who ended a military career to denounce discrimination in the guise of policy is nothing to

him, in contrast to the virtues of those who have worked so diligently and selflessly to enable "media whores" like us (servicemembers) to make our "splashy, grand entrances" into the gay movement.

But I am still trying not to believe that my newly-found family can be so cruel. Why? Because if we are truly a family we get past our differences and don't tear down our brothers and sisters for sport. We truly are all in this together. As in any family there are differences in opinion, but we must realize that there is no one issue that should drown out all others. We are a complex community and must respect the efforts/sacrifices of all in furthering our many causes because they are all intertwined. I by no means argue that there should be no criticism (constructive instead of destructive) but in the big picture we need to stop deriding family members simply because they don't measure up to our expectations or disagree with our general philosophy or, even worse, choose to focus their energy on another issue of importance to our community. We should not make it easier for our bigger, common enemy to tear us apart by doing half the work for them. ▼

[Zuniga was the 1992 Sixth U.S. Army Soldier of the Year, honorably discharged for announcing his homosexuality at the March on Washington.]

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National News

PWAs Make Millions Selling Life Insurance

by Jason P. Lorber

A new industry has cropped up over the last four years, enabling thousands of terminally ill people to cash in their life insurance policies while they're still living. But fears of potential rip-offs and concerns over unfair taxing are spurring many to call for tax law changes and new insurance regulations to ward off potential rip-offs.

Industry experts estimate that between 1,000 and 2,500 people have sold between \$100 million and \$250 million worth of life insurance policies to viatical settlement companies.

A viatical is a company or broker who buys life insurance policies from terminally ill people. Anyone with a terminal illness can viaticate their policy, although close to 95 percent of those viaticating are people with AIDS. The rest are mostly people with cancer.

In exchange for paying the individual a one-time, lump-sum, cash settlement, the viatical becomes the sole beneficiary of the policy. When the policy holder passes away, the viatical collects 100 percent of the policy's value.

While many raise their eyebrows at those who profit from the terminally ill, for those who have no alternatives — like John Cowan of Houston, Texas — viatical companies can offer the chance to pay medical bills, provide for the future, and enjoy life better.

"I hate people who see [viatical settlement companies] as bloodsuckers," said Cowan. "I don't feel that I've been taken advantage of one bit. They really made my life a lot better and I really appreciate that."

"I don't worry about things as much [since I viaticated my policy]," said Cowan, who subsists on Social Security payments. "Living with the security is really a blessing. I have no regrets about viaticating."

Since their inception in April 1989, viatical companies are making giant growth spurts. Today, some 50 companies specialize in viatical settlements, but their numbers are expected to increase dramatically.

"Considering that there's four million people seriously ill and leading into terminal conditions, [50 viatical companies] is a drop in the bucket," said David Petersen, president of Affording Care, a national, New York-based not-for-profit center that offers financial information to the seriously ill.

A very last resort

While viaticating a policy can bring security and happiness to some, many financial experts warn against using them.

"I feel very, very strongly that viaticating a life insurance policy should be a last resort," said John Darragh, a financial planner who retired after his own AIDS diagnosis but continues to speak nationally on the subject of viatical settlements and financial planning.

Even Steve Simon, chair of the National Association of

Viatical Settlement Organizations and president of one of the largest viatical settlement companies, American Life Resources, agrees. He suggests that the terminally ill investigate whether their policy allows for accelerated benefits, which gives the policyholder either the near full value of the policy, or gives them a partial settlement, with the rest paid to a beneficiary. Other options include asking a close friend or relative for a loan.

"After all, the beneficiary has a great deal to lose," said Petersen. "I knew one man who said he'd rather be a homeless PWA on the streets of New York City than ask his parents for a loan. After we explained to him and his parents that they'd be losing money [if he viaticated his policy], the parents volunteered to mortgage their condominium to give him a loan. When he passed away, they got enough [from the policy] to pay off the mortgage, and had money left over."

The biggest problem with viaticating is that individuals typically receive only 50 to 80 percent of their policies' values. The longer the person's life expectancy (as documented by medical reports), the less valuable and more risky the transaction is to the viatical, and thus the less money the seller receives.

With the note that settlements will vary from case to case, listed below are what Darragh and Petersen estimate that sellers could receive if they sell their policies:

Likely Amount of Policy's Value Seller Can Get:

Life Expectancy	Value
Less than 12 months:	80-85%
12 months:	70-80%
24 months:	50-70%
More than 2 years:	30-50%

Another big obstacle to viaticating a policy today is the tax bite, which could lurk as high as 40 percent of the total settlement. By contrast, beneficiaries of a policy don't have to pay federal taxes unless the estate is worth more than \$600,000.

Comparison shopping: a must

For those who deem viatical companies the best option, experts warn that the entire process takes about one to three months to complete, depending on how quickly doctors and insurance companies fill out forms.

They suggest that people apply to two to five viatical companies and comparison shop.

"Viaticating is like selling a used car," said Petersen. "You've got to take it down the street to different brokers and take the best price. From that standpoint, viaticating is very simple. It's not a big complicated contract."

While that may be true from a fiscal standpoint, it's not always the case emotionally.

Tom David of Key West, Florida, consulted a financial advisor and investigated six viatical settlement companies.

"There's a lot of soul searching," said David. "Confronting your own mortality, whenever and wherever you do it, isn't easy for anyone."

Viatical Tax Laws To Change?

by Jason P. Lorber

Taxes are a huge obstacle to the terminally ill who want to sell their life insurance policies while they're living.

The combination of state and federal taxes can eat up as much as 40 percent of a person's settlement if they sell their life insurance policy to a viatical.

Viatical leaders hope the tax picture will change. This year California became the first (and so far, the only) state to grant viatical settlements free of state taxes. Nevertheless, the IRS still takes federal taxes for viatical settlements.

Congresspersons Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) and Nancy Pelosi (D-California) are working on legislation that would grant federally tax-free status to viatical settlements, with the condition that the viatical company meets with state regulations. Because California is the only state that regulates such monitoring, the bill is expected to spur other states to regulate viatical settlement companies.

But some think that such legislation is only wishful thinking. "It's never going to pass," said David Petersen, president of Affording Care, a national not-for-profit center that offers financial information to the seriously ill. "With Congress arguing over how much to tax Medicaid benefits, this [tax-free viatical proposal] is going to be seen as a boondoggle. Who's going to vote for that?"

Last year, a similar effort was led by Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania), but reportedly failed due to criticism that it would cost the government about \$400 million in lost taxes over the next five years. But that figure "doesn't take into account the savings realized by the terminally ill not having to rely on public assistance," said Dennis Shawl of Frank's office.

Shawl said that he intends to be able to quantify the cost savings by September, when he hopes Frank will present the findings in a public hearing tied to the soon-to-be unveiled health care proposal spearheaded by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Right now, the IRS doesn't require viatical companies to issue 1099 forms; however, if an estate is audited even after a person's death, the beneficiaries must pay the taxes.

Potential viaticators are urged to consult a financial planner before viaticating. ▼

But I had a resource that would enable me to enjoy my life and be more comfortable. The [resource] was a life insurance policy, which goes hand-in-hand with death. Eventually, I decided it didn't matter."

With the money that David collected from viaticating two life insurance policies, he bought a home, which he said has helped him enjoy his life better.

Affording Care offers a complete listing of viatical settlement companies and can be reached at (212) 371-4741. ▼

Periodical Support Of a Sort, for PWAs

by Dennis Conkin

An innovative program that recycles unsold and unwanted magazines and periodicals from the racks of newsstands and stores into the hands of people with HIV and AIDS is underway.

According to Frank Hoogland, the founder of Culture and Recreation Exchange for People with HIV, currently a one-man volunteer effort with plans for expansion, the project distributes more than 700 magazines and periodicals a week to AIDS service groups throughout San Francisco.

"I had the idea about a year ago, but no stores wanted to participate. I told them they were throwing away a lot of magazines in the trash for their recyclers and that they could be put to use," Hoogland said.

After several turn downs from proprietors, in April

Hoogland finally struck it rich at the Courtyard Cafe.

"They said that as long as I picked up the magazines on a regular basis, they'd be happy to help," Hoogland told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Magazines that remain unsold past their sell date typically have the covers removed and are thrown in the trash for the garbage collector or recycle.

The covers are returned to the distributor, who then refunds the wholesale cost to the retailer in cash or credit.

Hoogland says that just because cash-strapped people on HIV may not have the funds to buy magazines, that doesn't mean they aren't vitally interested in the world around them.

"I started this because I realized that having HIV puts a big dent in your budget. A lot of people who are sick are

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the mail by pushing a few buttons on their TV clickers.

NET is necessary, according to right wing conservatives and radical so-called christians, because the established mainstream media is dominated by liberals and moderates who do not share their intolerance to social diversity.

NET plans to feature Pat Buchanan, the ultraconservative co-host of CNN's *Crossfire*, as a guest on the forthcoming September 21 closed-

circuit broadcast of *Family Forum*. By the way, NET credits *Family Forum* for rallying conservative support to block proposed legislation earlier this year in New York that would have made it illegal for anti-abortion demonstrators to block access to abortion clinics.

"We really feel that liberal non-traditional lifestyles are too prevalent on other media. We want TV to be family oriented and reflect the values most Americans share," Carden said.

She told the *B.A.R.* she expects NET will generate controversy with the many public affairs programs the network initially plans to of-

fer, but the new network will also later provide a more extensive line-up of entertainment shows to attract a wider audience. All programs produced by NET and conservative groups will promote "traditional family values" as a matter of policy.

"We'll have lots of good clean entertainment because we don't want the network to be so polarized," Carden said. "We're going to have lots of family shows. A lot of the family entertainment shows currently available like *Father Knows Best* and *Leave it to Beaver* are good, but they're very old," Carden said. ▼

locked up in their apartments and although they can read, they don't have the kind of money for magazines.

Some cost between \$5 and \$10 apiece," he said.

Hoogland says that the magazines he distributes, recycled from The Courtyard Cafe and Harold's Newsstand, range from weekly news magazines to high-ticket Italian designer magazines — and

everything in between.

He says that photography and the design magazines are extremely popular "because of the visuals," but that he distributes everything from computer periodicals to poetry — whatever the stores have not sold.

Among the stops on his weekly distribution route include Ward 5A at San Francisco General Hospital, Con-

tinuum HIV Services, The Project Open Hand Food Bank, and other groups.

"A lot of people really like the idea. The reaction has been enthusiastic and if they can't use them, they simply recycle them," Hoogland said.

For more information about the Culture and Recreation Exchange For People with HIV, contact Frank Hoogland at 681-2160. ▼

Dykeotomy

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makes sense in theory — two oppressed groups have an oppressor in common — does not make sense in practice when the groups overlap and learn the bigotries of the mainstream?

Racism may have factored into the interactions between some people in the chamber — as did homophobia, sexism, and a number of other biases, to be sure. However, the question to be addressed remains Lumpkin's ability to serve on the HRC effectively, justly, and without bias.

Free as he is to make them, his remarks indicate that he cannot. They would get him thrown off a jury in any case regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation or HIV status. So, what is he doing on a Human Rights Commission? It's not a free speech issue, because Lumpkin can say all that he wants to say. However, his acknowledged prejudgment of homosexuality and people with AIDS disqualifies him from the privilege of serving, as a civil servant, on the Commission.

The Committee to Stop Mayor Jordan's Bigotry is

aiming a step higher on the political ladder by focusing less on Lumpkin and more on the man who appointed him.

Some speculated that the Mayor strategically appointed Lumpkin as a potential wedge between the gay community and the African-American community, between the gay community and the Christian communities. Divide and conquer.

Even if this resolution, to be taken up at the full Board of Supes meeting on August 16, does, eventually, lead to Lumpkin's resignation or removal, it will only be a victory if people actively diffuse the potential for division the Mayor has created.

Many clergy testified in favor of Lumpkin's removal. Many lesbians and gay men of color — including representatives from Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action — called Lumpkin's homophobia the bigotry that it is, urging his removal.

The lesbian and gay community — all of us — have to reject racist attitudes on the commission as loudly as we reject Lumpkin's homophobia. And we have to hear the call from lesbians and gay men of color to fight racism in the queer community.

There was a hearing. I hope everyone was listening. ▼

neutrality but announced that government disapproval could make the film's first showing its last as well.

Chen denied that the movie contained any political content, saying "I don't want to be involved in politics."

But one of those at the private screening said viewers in the leaders' compound were angered by the depiction of Communist officials and soldiers as "stupid peasants who don't understand art or despicable leaders who casually torture their citizens."

"Chen Kaige is a bourgeois liberal, every one of his movies have attacked the government — and doesn't he have a U.S. passport now?" he asked rhetorically. ▼

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tor Chen Kaige had a personal hatred for the Communist government.

Both officials were unaware of allusions to homosexuality in the story, and asserted that if the ban remained it would not be due to its sexual explicitness.

At the Wednesday premiere, attended by journalists and hundreds of screaming fans straining for a glimpse of Hong Kong lead Leslie Cheung, Chen Kaige and Taiwanese producer Xu Feng defended the films political

Homophobia

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Prison in Raleigh, where he is listed in stable condition. He was transferred there after initially being treated at Cape Fear Valley medical Center for gunshot wounds to his thigh and jaw.

Local gay and lesbian activists and veterans had strong feelings about the shootings. Justin Elzie, a gay Marine sergeant at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, said, "This is not about gays in the

military or about Clinton's policy. This is about homophobia."

Bonnie Clark of the North Carolina Veterans' Coalition said, "These shootings are an incredibly compelling reason for the president and the secretary of defense to mandate aggressive homophobia reduction training for everyone in the military."

Linda Shealey Williams, acting director of North Carolinians Against Racial and Religious Violence, said, "It is tragic that human lives were lost. Let us not forget what could have been the catalyst

for this entire episode. This incident casts into light once more the need for the state to recognize anti-gay violence as a hate crime."

"These events make tragically clear the insane effects that homophobia and all hatred have upon people's lives," said Ann Burlein, coordinator of the North Carolina Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality. Mab Segrest, a member of the Coalition's board added, "Homophobia kills everyone." ▼

[Beth Harrison is a staff writer at The Front Page of Raleigh, North Carolina.]

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on July 26, 1993.

July 29, August 5, 12, 19 1993. L-177179

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

In the Matter of the Petition to Declare EMERY ARTURO PEREZ-O'NESS Free from the Custody and Control of Norma Alvarenga, Doe 1 (presumed father) Doe 2 (natural father)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA: To: Norma Alvarenga, Doe 1, Doe 2 YOU ARE HEREBY ordered to appear at 9:00 AM on September 14, 1993, in Department 14 of the above-entitled court, located at 401 Marshall Street, Redwood City, CA 94063. At that time you must show cause why the petition of ROSA PEREZ-O'NESS and ELIZABETH PEREZ-O'NESS to adopt your minor child EMERY ARTURO should not be granted without your consent in the above entitled proceeding, on the ground that you have abandoned the child in that you have placed the child with ROSA PEREZ and ELIZABETH PEREZ-O'NESS and, for a period in excess of six (6) months, you have continuing to refuse to provide for the care, support, or education of the above named child. As to Doe 1, the presumed father, who did not place the child, the same showing must be made, and one year will have passed since the placement.

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August 12, 19, 26, September 2, No. A12001 L-010455-01

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT FILE NO. 010455-01

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July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 1993. L-010455-01

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 177257

The following person is doing business as SOUTHWEST NEUROLAB OF CALIFORNIA, 760 Market St. Suite 931, San Francisco, CA 94102. FLINT JEFFREY DAVIDSON, 29 Pearl St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date July 27, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed FLINT JEFFREY DAVIDSON.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on July 27, 1993.

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 1993. L-177257

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 177272

The following person is doing business as PARKS DESIGNS, 21 Carmel St., San Francisco, CA 94117. RICHARD VIRGIL PARKS, 21 Carmel St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date July 21, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed RICHARD VIRGIL PARKS.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on July 28, 1993.

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 1993. L-177272

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 953153

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO in the matter of the application of JAMES ARTHUR KELLAM III for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that JAMES ARTHUR KELLAM III has filed an application proposing that HIS name be changed to THADDEUS JAMES ARTHUR KELLAM. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department X-4 on the 26th day of August 1993 at 9:00 clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 8th day of July, 1993.

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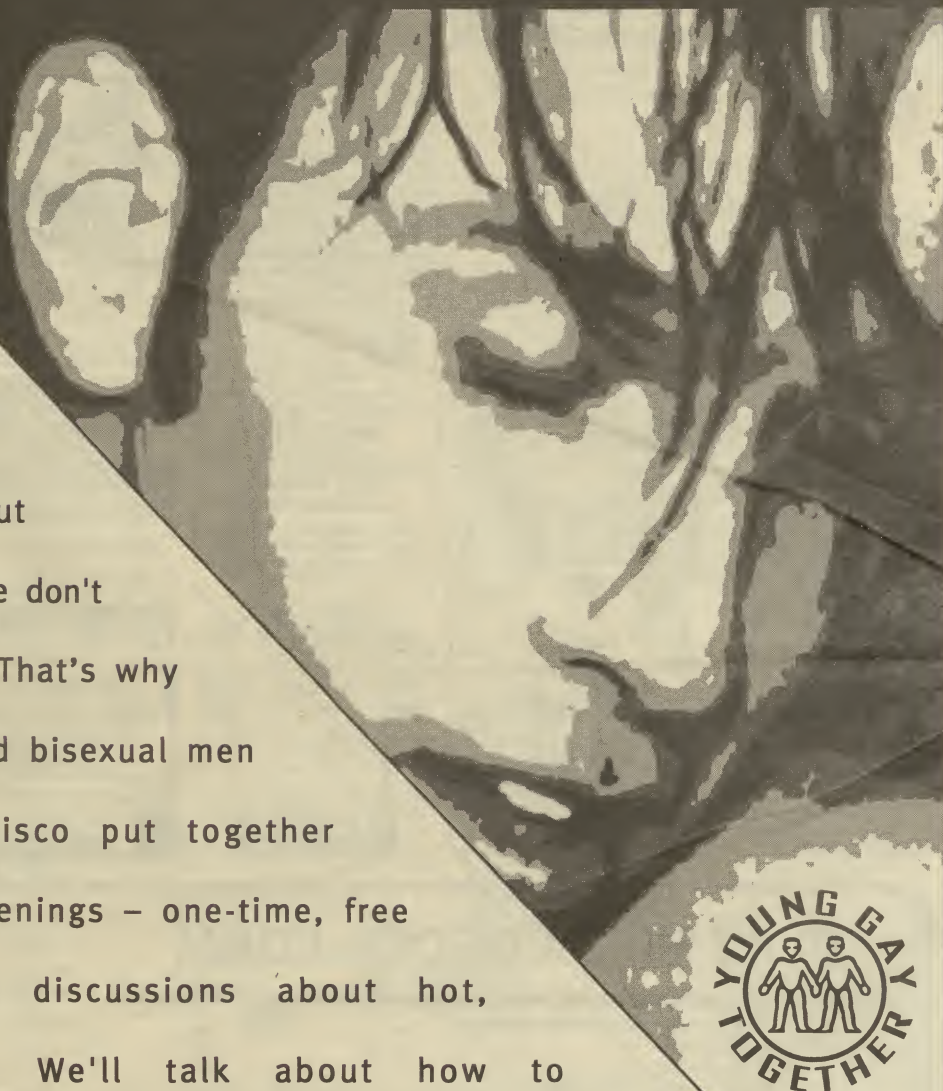
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Collision, Controversy, and Commitment

The GALS at KQED

by Alan Frutkin

The announcement of a new president at KQED may come as soon as September. But among lesbians and gays, there remains a lingering perception that KQED is unresponsive to the needs of the community; many who are disillusioned with KQED's past performance look to the future with a cynical eye. There are three major points of contention between the gay community and KQED: one is recent, and the other two date back several years.

Last June, Channel 9 chose to air the *Great Performances* documentary on *Angels in America* a week after PBS offered it nationally. KQED's company newsletter, dated June 4, 1993, says that — unlike most PBS stations — KQED holds a June pledge drive. It also says the PBS air date for the *Angels* program, entitled *In the Wings: Angels in America on Broadway* fell right in the middle of that pledge. Because *In the Wings* was not "packaged" as a pledge program, there were no gift incentives to accompany the broadcast of the show. Without such promotional material, the station feared a loss of potential donations. The station shifted *Angels'* air date into its Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration — which conveniently followed the June pledge — and replaced it with a Lawrence Welk program that, according to the company newsletter, "has proven to be a great fund-raiser in pledge drives throughout the country."

Horse's Mouth

In the *Wings'* producer/director, Tom Bywaters, acknowledges that the docu-

mentary was, in fact, not a pledge program. But he also says shifting the air date may have seemed less like a slap in the face had KQED assigned the show a high-profile time slot. The station aired the program on Saturday at 11 p.m.

"Anything after 10 p.m. on Saturday night is dead meat," says Bywaters. "My understanding of public television is that they're supposed to support the arts in their community. *Angels* was written here, it premiered here, two members of the Broadway cast are from here. I live here. To not allow people who might benefit from this program to see it at a time they normally watch television is doing a great disservice to the

Against Defamation (GLAAD) lobbied against what it believed was an exclusionary policy toward gay and lesbian humor on the program. Jesse Greenman, co-chair of GLAAD's San Francisco/Bay Area chapter, says that when the program featured lesbian comic Kate Clinton, the only reference to Clinton's sexuality came when she said "Thanks for coming out." Frustrated by KQED's omission of gay and lesbian humor, GLAAD staged a demonstration outside the Great American Music Hall at what was to be *Comedy Tonight's* final taping in November 1990. KQED called the protest "irresponsible."

Christians and Lions

But the incident that most seriously plagues the station's reputation in the gay community is the infamous *MonitoRadio* controversy. It is a persistent thorn in KQED's side. *MonitoRadio*, a program produced by the *Christian Science Monitor*, has aired on KQED-FM since 1985. At that time, *MonitoRadio* adhered to an employment policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians. In 1986, news reached the local gay and lesbian community that an ex-employee of the *Christian Science Monitor*, reporter Christine Madsen, had filed a wrongful termination suit against the *Monitor* in 1981, which she ultimately lost. Madsen claimed she was fired because she was a lesbian. A second civil suit Madsen brought against the *Monitor* was settled out of court in 1989.

Many people here were outraged. They charged that KQED — by airing such a pro-

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entire Bay Area community."

Another flashpoint in KQED's spotty relations with gays dates back to 1990 and the station's long-running, locally produced comedy showcase, *Comedy Tonight*. Throughout that year, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance

Bittersweet Farewell

Artaud Performances Mark the End Of a Memorable Collaboration

by John F. Karr

The performances of Arturo Fernandez and Ney Fonseca, the unabashedly out dancers/choreographers of Juntos Dance, are always a cause for celebration. The joy of their appearances at Theatre Artaud's Summertime Dance Project, however, will be tempered by a touch of the bittersweet.

The Aug. 12-13 program, which includes four premieres and two past favorites, will be their last.

After 37 years in the Bay Area, where he was born, raised and professionally based, Fernandez is moving. Though undoubtedly both Fernandez and Fonseca will have male partners in the future — they seem impelled into the arms of men dancing — it's unlikely the resoundingly gay visions of Juntos can be so easily transplanted into new combinations.

What I'm saying is see them now. It's Thursday and Friday — and then, *fini*.

Juntos Means 'Together'

Juntos means "together." The two were introduced by Lisa Wallgren, a friend of Fonseca's from his New York days, where the Rio born artist forsook the study of law for dance. Wallgren and Fernandez were members of the Oberlin Dance Collective. Shortly after the two men met, Ney — whose East Coast credits include a stint with Laura Dean's company — also began dancing with ODC.

Arturo pursued classical dance first with the San Diego Ballet, working subsequently with the California, Arizona, Sacramento and New Jersey Ballets. He was also, briefly, a prima ballerina with the Ballet

Trocadero, where he was known, "infamously," as Yurinova Yorhedd.

Fateful Catalyst

In 1991, a complete stranger proved a fateful catalyst for the Juntos collaborations. Stan Hill, artistic director of the SF Gay Men's Chorus, was looking for something special to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the chorus' national tour. After seeing Arturo and Ney at ODC, he commissioned them to create, and dance, a love duet.

"It was called *Love Medley*," said Ney. "With 150 men singing behind us, it was a huge success."

It also planted the seed for a closer collaboration.

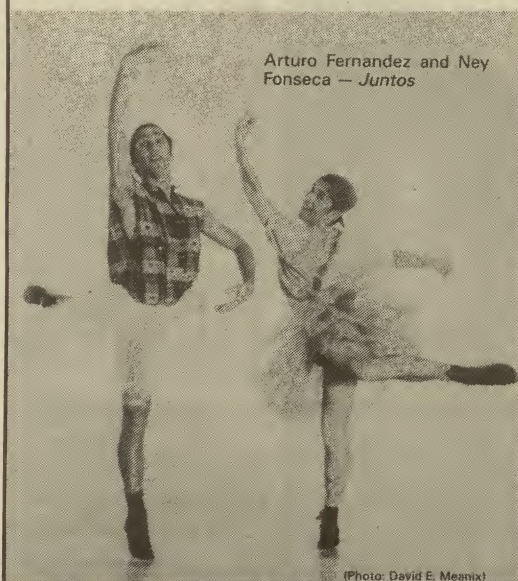
"For many years I'd want-

**"I don't think
there is a gay
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— Ney Fonseca**

ed to dance with another man onstage the way men and women traditionally danced, but until the performance of *Love Medley*, I had no idea how powerful that could be. It made me want my work to be a representation of my community. I wanted to put onstage the images of gay men that were not usually allowed."

The two populate their dances with a new kind of royalty, not from the story-

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Arturo Fernandez and Ney Fonseca — Juntos

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OutThere

The Annals of Queerdom

by Orland Outland

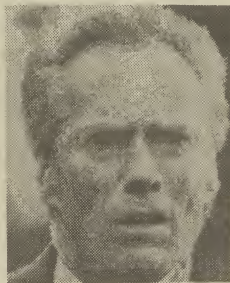
Tama Janowitz is a transsexual. That's the inference from UPI, hot off the wire. It reads, "According to author K. Wencelas in the bio of Tama's mother, the poet Phyllis Janowitz, in the 1980 edition of *Contemporary Authors* no daughters are mentioned. But two sons, David and Thomas A. are listed. Janowitz has also said in an interview that she submitted her first novel, *American Dad*, to the *Paris Review* under a pseudonym: Thomas A. Janowitz." In

response to inquiries regarding her gender, Janowitz is quoted as saying, "It's very personal and I don't feel it's anybody's business."

John Malkovich tells *Entertainment Weekly* about his *In The Line of Fire* role. There's a scene where Clint Eastwood has a gun in Malkovich's face, and Malkovich leans forward and puts the barrel in his mouth. "I liked it because it was kind of mocking and sort of sexual. It's so kind of Jeffrey Dahmeresque in a way."



John Malkovich (left) opened wide for Clint Eastwood's big pistol



Alas, not everything's coming up roses for APLA. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, APLA's all-Gershwin musical benefit last February was a great success, and the organization looked forward to an even bigger take when the recording of the show was released. The Gershwin estate, the involved musicians, and the musicians' union all gave their okay to the release of a two-CD set without payment of any royalties. However, at the 11th hour, the American Federation of Musicians told APLA the record couldn't be distributed without APLA pay-

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Malkovich only took the role in *Line of Fire* because two other roles fell through, one about "a homosexual murderer" and another about 19th century poets (and lovers) Verlaine and Rimbaud.

Also in *EW*: Rapper **Chuck D** refused to have his picture taken with **Boy George** after the two performers delivered keynote addresses at New York's New Music Seminar schmoozefest. D was overheard worrying about what his fellow hip-hopsters would think of him if he was associated in any way with the openly gay **Boy. EW** and *Us* have recently pictured the Boy getting a big, big hug from **Harry Connick, Jr.** at another event, and just look how that hurt Connick's reputation and career.

Now that **James Woods** has picked up an Emmy nomination for his portrayal of **Roy Cohn** in HBO's miniseries *Citizen Cohn*, *In Style* magazine says that director **Robert Altman** is talking to Woods about playing Cohn in Altman's film version of *Angels in America*.

Women in the Shadows: **Whitney Houston** and her assistant **Robyn Crawford** have worked out a routine to avoid their being photographed together, according to the *Globe*. When the very happily married heterosexual Whitney goes out shopping and lunching with her very good friend Robyn, they leave Whitney's car separately, meeting inside the store, restaurant, concert hall or wherever they go. Rhetorical question: if we have nothing to hide, why are we hiding?

RuPaul was the guest of honor on a recent **Joan Rivers** show, where she dodged Joan's questions about whether or not she'd gotten a boob job. When she was asked about her social life, Ru dodged again, saying that she was currently dating **Barney the Dinosaur** after an aborted affair with **Big Bird**. While there does appear to be more flesh peeking over Ru's peek-a-boo than could conceivably be pushed around on a man's chest, *OutThere* hears that Ru not only does have a boyfriend, but that he's the kind of boy who definitely likes boys and not girls, and that special effects rivaling *Jurassic Park* are used to create that plumped-up chest. The disco diva's upcoming projects include a role in **Spike Lee's** film *Crooklyn* and a duo with **Elton John** on his next album.

SFPD's Officer **Joe Bannon**, profiled in the 60 Min-

utes piece on S.F.'s gay cops, has sold his tale to **StoryBay Entertainment**, which is trying to develop his life into a TV movie. Before becoming one of S.F.'s Finest, Bannon was a gang member and spent time in reform school. As a policeman, he's been a personal bodyguard for such worthies as **Bill Clinton**, **George Bush**, **Mikhail Gorbachev** and **Pope John Paul II**. Some savvy network programmer will no doubt put this flick up against the **Margaret Cammermeyer** story during sweeps week.



Elizabeth Taylor, AIDS activist

ABC will air *In A New Light '93* on September 4, 8-10 p.m. This second annual AIDS benefit will feature a number of gay celebs, including **Michael Callen**, **Melissa Etheridge**, **Little Richard**, **Elton John**, and **Lily Tomlin** as **Ernestine the AIDS Hotline Operator**. The show will also feature star turns from **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Miss America Leanza Cornett**. God knows whose idea it was to have the show hosted by **Arsenio Hall** and **Paula Abdul**, but there you have it. AIDS Project Los Angeles reported a 400% increase in calls to their hotline after last year's show.



So here's to you, Miss America



Joe Bannon — cuff me, baby

ing \$40,000 in recording fees. **David Galligan**, the show's producer, vented his ire with the union: "Surely the ranks of musicians have been depleted by AIDS, every bit as much as other parts of the entertainment business have been. You'd think their union would want to help, rather than defeat this whole thing." The record remains in limbo for now.

This paper's Arts editor, **Robert Julian**, has been tapped to be one of the three judges at the 18th Annual San Francisco International Stand-Up Comedy Competition. Organizer **Anne Fox** said that with the boom in gay comics lately, she felt this breakthrough should also be reflected in the judges' panel. The preliminary rounds of competition began at The Punch Line in San Francisco on August 9 and continue there on August 16.

If you've always had a crush on that way-buff metal/rocker dude who'll be playing here this weekend, this may be your chance to snare him — just hang out at your local leather bar after the show. Little birds say he's a regular at L.A.'s gay S/M clubs, so break out your whips and chains. (Sorry, no word on whether he's top or bottom.) ▼

The Stunning Revival of 'Metamorphosis'

Juicy Beetle

by Jerry Metzker

Without any identifiable cause or reason, one morning Gregor Samsa awakens to find himself transformed from a human being into a dung beetle. Thus begins Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis*.

In this sleek revival of last summer's success produced by the San Francisco Theatre Project and directed by John Loschmann and Lawrence Hecht, Loschmann recreates what must have been then and definitely is now an artful technical performance of Gregor. He does not so much contort his body as use his well-toned and malleable limbs to express both Gregor's insect and human properties. Sometimes he lies quietly, just jiggling his fingers and toes, and at other times his face opens widely with seriousness, astonishment, or insecurity.

With a shiny silver Jungle gym designed by Morgan Hall to work on, Loschmann becomes a constantly transforming sculpture in this play which is not only a metaphor for AIDS but also a testimony to human failure. Berkoff and Kafka extol no romanticized versions of love or humanity here. Instead, the human world is presented as a rather heartless, selfish, and rigid place, where the defining begins at home.

Gregor's role has been as provider for his parents and younger sister Greta; he works long hours as a traveling salesman. When he dreams, he dreams of sending

Greta to the conservatory of music to study violin and obtain a seat in the orchestra. His only moments of pleasure occur in brief meetings on the road with other men and in the glass of milk Greta has waiting for him at the end of each long, exhausting day.

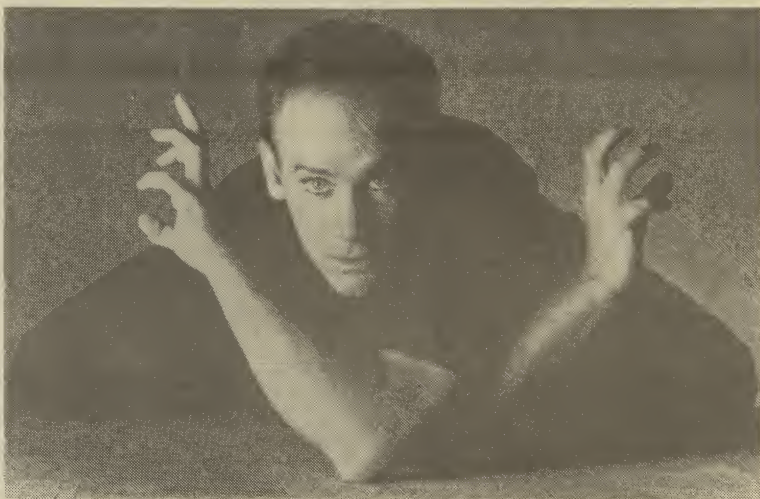
New Formulas

After Gregor's transformation, the family initially intends to wait out the "illness" as they call it and deal with the situation as best as they

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can without actually dealing with it. Not knowing what to feed him, they rely on the old standby: milk. Gregor tries it but is at once disgusted. The old formulas, the traditional attitudes no longer apply, and new ones must be developed.

As time passes, Gregor doesn't change back. When their money runs out, the once helpless, dependent family becomes remarkably resourceful and equally greedy. They reject not only Gregor's illness, but because he becomes a financial liability, Gregor himself. Even Greta



John Loschmann reprises his starring role in *Metamorphosis*.

descends to calling him an "it" and, in a final stroke of rage, denies his relationship to her.

It is she, though, rather than Gregor who has lost her humanity. Nowhere in the play is this more apparent than in a scene where Gregor unfolds his body and the family crumbles into squeaking, clicking dung beetles, and he translates for them all the rancor they feel toward him.

Throughout the play the audience's sympathy remains with Gregor. Despite his physical transformation, he

can still understand his family, making him privy to their resentment and loathing of him. As a result, the audience never sees Gregor the way his family does. In spite of his metamorphosis, he remains human to us.

Berkoff's dialogue pulls no surprise punches. Unlike the rich and sensual language of *Greek*, his language here is colloquial. Any line could be from one of a dozen AIDS scenarios.

As Gregor's "traditional" family, Ricardo Ibarra Rivera,

Sandy Kelly Hoffman, and Mary Beth Carson form a single unit of weakness and selfishness. As they evict Gregor from their hearts and lives, they reject their own hopes, dreams, and humanity, subsequently falling into a routine of practicality and unhappiness. Maybe, Berkoff intimates, this is exactly what they deserve. That there is more humanity in a dung beetle than in many human hearts belies the sad state of our world today. ▼

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Real Men on Really Bad Film

by Robert Julian

Faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings at a single bound — it's a book, it's a magazine, it's a television show — it's, it's ... *Movieline's* Edward Margulies, bringing camp to America's doorstep faster than you can say, "Pia Zadora."

Together with Stephen Rebello, Margulies hosts a Saturday night marathon of Hollywood's trashiest flicks, this Saturday, Aug. 14, on TNT, based on Margulies and Rebello's new movie guide, *Bad Movies We Love* (Plume, \$12). This campy compendium, with commentary on over 200 films, is something of an antidote for the Leonard Maltin schmoozefest which has been flying out of bookstores for years.

In a stroke of marketing genius, the boys convinced TNT to hire them for a regular monthly gig, where they present these hand-picked disasters with dishy on-camera remarks during the commercial breaks. Think Siskel and Ebert meet "Men on Film." According to the very out

Margulies, TNT hasn't blinked in the face of the boys' over-the-top antics. "We're deliciously silly about the whole thing," says Margulies.

This Saturday, viewers will be treated to *The Legend of Lylah Clare* (about those bras, Kim); *Butterfield 8*; *Love Has Many Faces*; and my personal favorite, *The Oscar*. Next month, on September 18, we get four back-to-back Troy Donahue epics. (As Madonna once remarked about Joan Collins, "Have you seen her lately?")

Hollywood Royalty

Cornered Margulies at the Fairmont, during his two-day media blitz to promote the book and television series. And let me be the first to admit that we unleashed the queen in a way I would be thoroughly ashamed of — if it weren't so much fun. Margulies, the son of producer Stan Margulies, grew up on Hollywood sound stages in the company of actors and actresses, and he says the stereotypical homophobia of Tinseltown is more a matter of principle, not practice.



The irrepressible Edward Margulies (left) and his cohort Stephen Rebello — TNT dynamite

"I feel fortunate that I grew up gay in a completely unusual way. I grew up on sound stages and the sets of television shows and films. It was really clear there were gay adult males in a variety of roles, everyone knew — and no one cared. I realized you can grow up gay and have an interesting career in a number of fields. Yes, straight people do comment behind your back, but they don't much care. Although there's all this stuff in the media now about homophobia in Hollywood — and it's not wrong — it completely overlooks the

large degree to which homosexuality is not really interesting, one way or the other, to most people in show business. It's simply tolerated as a fact of working in a creative arts field. But this gets no press time at all because it's not very good copy."

As one of two executive editors at *Movieline*, Margulies has set a tone for the publication that makes it look like *Premiere* blown through *Spy*. There's lots of inside dish and two very fey gossip columnists, known as "The Hollywood Kids," who unearth Hollywood has-beens on a monthly basis, subjecting them to a quick round of salacious interrogatories about the careers they once had.

But *Movieline* also features strong interviews and cover stories, many penned by Stephen Rebello, Margulies' partner in crime. In general, the magazine is remarkable primarily because it calls Hollywood on its merde on a regular basis.

Blowing Smoke

Margulies, however, is not above employing the tactics he skewers on a regular basis. Sharon Stone, a close personal friend of his for the last decade, has been treated to not one but two recent *Movieline* covers. She not only wrote an introduction for the book *Bad Movies We Love*, she was also given her own chapter — in spite of the fact that none of her movies ranks more than two stars in the book's own rating system.

"It's not like everyone changed, it's just that people are more willing to come forward and share how they feel."

This shameless flacking of Stone's career (which is fading as we speak) is both endearing and reprehensible at the same time. But Margulies

is nobody's fool. There is a way things happen in "the business."

The idea for the Margulies/Rebello book came from the monthly "Bad Movies We Love" column Margulies has been writing for years in *Movieline*, whose September issue has two full-page advertisements for the book and the TNT series. And opposite one of these two full-pagers, what do we find? Edward Margulies, writing under the pseudonym

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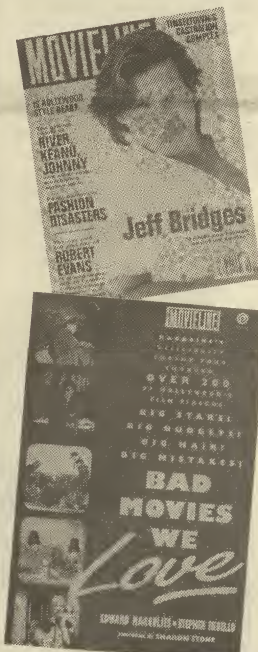
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Kevin Hennessey, raving about three old movies which will air in September on — you guessed it — TNT. If Margulies ever hits Atlanta, Jane had better keep Ted under lock and key.

With the gay Margulies coming forward in such a visible way, it seemed appropriate to get his take on the amazing shift in consciousness vis-a-vis gay people which seems to have taken place in the last year. How have things shaken down in Hollywood?

"I've noticed that what used to be true over lunch with people you knew socially — what was true among friends — is now true and visible. It's not like everyone changed, it's just that people

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Hollywood

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are more willing to come forward and share how they feel. They just didn't want to lead the pack. With David Geffen going public, however belatedly, they can be more open. There's homophobia in Hollywood, but there are more supportive people. The group Hollywood Supports has enabled people to come forward publicly in support of gay people.

"While it's chic to laugh at all the red ribbons, those ribbons have helped other people identify how many more people there are at public functions who don't mind saying, 'Yes, I know about gay people and gay subjects and it doesn't faze me.' People are now willing to come forward against those who come down on gay people because they realize, 'What if I'm on the list of people that are next?'"

Flip Side

But it's not Margulies' serious side viewers will be treated to in his book or television show. The movies selected are Hollywood "A" pictures, flicks with name stars that the studios threw millions into only to realize too late that they had given birth to monsters. These movies are so bad, they're funny, and no one likes to laugh at them more than Margulies. As he says, "When you write these things, it helps to think these people must be dead."

Margulies' unexpurgated

take on what's hot in Hollywood — and what's not — follows, and it's this kind of candor you have to look forward to.

On Kim Stanley's *The Goddess*: "It's horrible — so overwrought and overwritten, I was laughing all through it. It looks quite demented today."

On director Douglas Sirk (*Imitation of Life*, et al.): "People who take him seriously — pul-eze!"

On Tom Cruise's casting as the Vampire Lestat: "There's two interesting things about that. First, why would they want him? And second, what is he thinking of? It's so completely out of his range. If it were Coppola directing a sequel to *Dracula* — another operatic trashfest — then maybe it would work as hilarity. But I don't think the filmmakers involved have any sense of camp. I don't think *Vampire* is going to be a very interesting movie. Tom Cruise guarantees it'll have a good opening weekend."

On the Crawford/Gere nuptials: "Do we think, perhaps, they're passionately in love? Whatever you think of the sexual orientation of the stars — wondering why they married or adopted children — in many cases they know it would be good press. Marrying another celebrity is good publicity; that's a truism of show business. Each of you alone may be a B-minus, but when you go to the Oscars and walk down that carpet together, you become an A, and more pictures get taken.



E.T. in *Butterfield 8*, the worst Oscar-winner ever — until Cher made *Moonstruck*.

"You can never overlook the fact that all this is done for publicity."

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On the rumor that Richard Gere and Herb Ritts are lovers: "I don't know, but I've heard that rumor for years. Richard is at the forefront

and he couldn't be more vocal about saying 'who cares' to questions of sexual orientation. I admire him for that. I hope he's a role model for other actors. He's on a career roll and he could step away from these issues, but he hasn't. He's been even more verbal these last two years."

On HBO's *And the Band Played On*: "I've seen it. I thought it was excellent. If you stay with it to the end, you'll be very moved. It's an important piece."

On Joey Heatherton: "The all-time great bad movie ac-

tress. Joey is a really important person to talk about. We worship Joey. Last fall she did the play *Stardust* in LA; a friend who saw her in it said it was like seeing Neely O'Hara at the end. You have to be glad you're not living in *Valley of the Dolls*. When you actually see her on stage, it's not that funny."

On Pia Zadora: "We don't get along at all. I really feel she is Neely O'Hara. No talent and no sense of humor — she takes herself deadly seriously."

On Lorna Luft: "Did you see her on the Tonys with Liza? I thought it was deliriously terrible. I was gravely embarrassed."

On the possibility of a *MovieLine* feature on Edy Williams: "We can't do a feature on Edy Williams; it would be too terrifying! I once had to call her and she answered her phone and pretended to be her assistant. She didn't even bother to change her voice in any way, shape, or form before she handed me over to 'the real' Edy Williams. She's way out there — completely great. I'm so glad there are Edy Williamses because that's what you want from Hollywood. You don't want Meryl Streep from Hollywood."

Can John Q. Public handle this kind of candor? Will mid-America curl up in a reactionary ball of disgust when Margulies and Rebello camp their way through Saturday night at the bad movies on TNT? We'll all know very soon. But I'm placing my money on Margulies. ▼

Book Brief

Disappointing Dyke Noir

Crazy for Loving
by Jaye Maiman; Naiad, \$9.95

Jaye Maiman has produced a second Robin Miller novel. If you haven't read the first (*I Left My Heart*), do so. Once you have, join the others who, having enjoyed the first, should take a definite pass on the second.

In *Crazy for Loving* Robin Miller has left the odd but financially rewarding field of romance novelist to become an apprentice private investigator (sort of a baby-dyke dick). As a PI in training, Miller has all the worst jobs thrust upon her by her irascible boss, Tony Serra, including one that starts out as a simple tail (pun intended) and rapidly becomes a murder, a cover-up, and all manner of confusing things.

Subplots abound, and their ultimate connection, or lack of, to the main mystery is unbelievable and irritating. Throughout the novel, Miller meets and lusts after lesbians and pre-lesbians, and worries about her long-distance relationship with Cathy. These meetings are not particularly interesting and seem to have been inserted to make the book longer. The resolution of the mystery comes from nowhere in the novel.

The tone throughout is dark, dyke noir at its noirest. Miller appears to have traded in her self-deprecating wit for a license to whine. Maiman's characterizations are barely up to two dimensions. The AIDS subplots, scattered throughout in an apparent paeon to randomness, are more than a little annoying. *Crazy for Loving* is a real disappointment and a very unsatisfying read. — Deborah Peifer

Bearly Colorado

Amendment 2 hasn't slowed down the Front Range Bears of Denver, who are currently planning OctobearFest '93 for October 1-3. The weekend begins with a Friday evening welcoming party. Saturday breakfast is followed by a "bingo run" in the mountains, dinner, and the Mr. Rocky Mountain Bear contest. This fun-filled weekend wraps on Sunday with a Bear-B-Q and the Best Bear-Hug Party in the Rockies. OctobearFest, which began as a local event three years ago, is now a national gathering,

with over 100 participants expected this year.

For more information, contact the Front Range Bears, P.O. Box 101433, Denver, CO 80250-1433. Voice mail messages may be left at (303) 331-2705. Jeff Gregory at Majestic Travel (800) 748-2059 has information regarding travel and accommodations. Special efforts have been made to deal only with gay and gay-friendly businesses for OctobearFest, with activities being held in counties that voted "No" on Amendment 2. ▼

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Rhino's Deuce Coup

by Chad Jones

You can't actually smell the acrid, yellow-stained grime in the dingy 42nd Street dive, but you can sure feel it. Alan Bowne's *Forty-Deuce* in the Theatre Rhinoceros Studio is a Gus Van Sant Peyton Place, populated by a motley crew of New York's gay street hustlers. Everything about the play is dirty: the set, the language, and the sordid lives on display.

Bowne, whose similarly gritty play *Snake in the Vein* ran at the same theater last fall, said his idea of comedy was a WASP on angel dust. If you share that view of comedy, *Forty-Deuce* will be a rollicking laugh riot for you. But if you consider the mangy lives of the original grunge population, a nude corpse, freaky drug trips, and the hellish lives of hustlers unfunny material, your view will not be challenged by this production. Director Andrew Vermont conveys such a strong sense of the wretched ugliness of these characters' lives that the laughs come only sporadically and the wide-ranging skill levels of his actors slow the action to a snail's pace.

Dead End

The seedy hotel room serves as the only set for the play's action, which takes place in 1981 when AIDS was running silently through the needles and flop houses of

Times Square and other neighborhoods like it around the country. A new kid, fresh off the bus at Grand Central, immediately falls into the wrong crowd. The hustlers who take him in introduce him to the wonders of smack, and the kid soon checks out of life on earth. The group of four hustlers and their pimp then try to make some money off the young man's dead body — they simply call him the fetus — in order to take care of their own drug-induced troubles.

Instigated by Ricky, their leader, the group hatches a plot: they rope in a sugar daddy (conveniently named Mr. Roper — and no, it's not Jack, Chrissy and Janet's landlord) with the promise of fresh flesh from upstate. They leave the john alone with the corpse, then burst in and accuse him of the murder. Of course nothing goes right for these sad sack whores and they only end up in more trouble than before.

While the plot is actually advancing, the interest level is high. But come the second act and some long-winded monologues (especially by the dreary David Lambie as Mr. Roper), things begin to drag. The performances vary wildly in quality. James Gomez and Eric McNatt have supporting roles, but these actors create vivid characters; each is complex in his own way, yet clear enough to pull a response from the audience. McNatt's



The cast of *Forty-Deuce* (left to right) Eric McNatt, David Banton, Flynn, Kurt Davison, and James Gomez

Mitchell, the Jewish drag queen who grew up in an Italian neighborhood, is especially good. He gets most of the show's laughs with his acerbic take on the scummy world he inhabits.

Fly Boys

The two centerpiece whores, Ricky and Blow, played by Flynn and David Banton respectively, are great contrasts in acting style. Flynn is naturally emotive, and though he doesn't gauge his anger for the best dramatic effect, he conveys a great deal of the show's rage and helplessness. Banton's Blow, on the other hand, looks as if the stage is the most uncomfortable place he could choose to be at any given moment. His delivery is wooden, and when the second act dramatics depend on the strength of his presence, he's just not there.

Director Vermont allows his cast to slog through what should be a rapidly paced, hyper-real world. The dialogue should come fast and furious, but as it is, we hear every fuck and asshole (of which

should all be a big blur of swearing and posturing. The lag time between the lines points more toward faulty memories and underhearsed actors than it does to drama.

**The hustlers
and their
pimp try to
make money
off the young
man's dead
body.**

Forty-Deuce doesn't expose you to anything you didn't already know about. The themes don't reveal anything new: the world is a hard, horrible place and humans treat each other miserably. Still, with some strong performances and witty dialogue, *Forty-Deuce* is the kind of play you see, and then feel for a while afterward. It makes you want to go home, take a long, hot shower and call your grandmother. ▼

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Farewell

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book of yore, but from the Castro village fairytale: the Juntos stage show depicts drag queens, leathersmen, and opera queens, gay preppies and activists and streetwalkers.

It's deceptive, though, if the movement itself looks gay, Ney claimed. "I don't think there is a gay vocabulary of movement, but there is a gay use of vocabulary."

"It's how you perform and manipulate it," continued Arturo. "If we want to show something as gay, we'll do it that way because we're gay men; we know it."

New, explicitly gay dances tumbled from the men. After *Love Medley* came a duet for leathersmen, followed by a quartet in which a gay couple, supported by their lesbian friends, faces AIDS. Then their best-known piece, a classical romp for full company called *Faerie Tale*, a hilarious homage to the traditional story ballet as spun by Balanchine — if only he were queer.

Arturo's first solo was a loving deconstruction of *Giselle*, providing him with a mad scene caused by the man who spurns him/her, yet who is saved by his/her love. Ney's first solo, *Saudade*, looked for the vitality gay men can find within the grieving caused by AIDS.

It's indicative of their boundless energy and creativity that for their final performances this weekend they are not content to merely anthologize their success. These closing programs include only two repertory favorites, along with a surprising total of four premieres.

I Knew Him When, a trio by Arturo, who will be joined by Ney and Lisa Wallgren is a sweet send-off for Juntos danced to songs of George Michael, Nina Simone, and the Chiffons.

"In a roundabout way, it chronicles our relationship, and how a relationship of friends changes through different cycles," said Arturo.

Set to music of Aaron Copland and Los Lobos, Arturo's second new work is the solo *Pocho/Maricon*. Both are derogatory words, meaning, respectively, an American-born Mexican and a fairy. The piece portrays the difficulties the dancer has faced in his growth as a gay Latino man. In one section Arturo hides behind his ballet training, offering a display of virtuosity as a mask.

"I go from innocence to macho bullshit to queen ballerina to my roots and then to my present, as teacher, homo, dancer, Latino man — all in about 12 minutes."

"It's about the makeup of a Mexican sissy ballerina," quipped Ney, only to have Arturo interject, "A fabulous sissy ballerina!"

Honey Mustard is new from Ney. Set to five k.d. lang songs, the dances are a tribute to lesbians, with a lot of relaxed, mutually supportive movement for dancers Lisa Wallgren and Carie Lee.

Padded Walls, Ney's second premiere, is "probably the riskiest thing I've ever done, because of the content and the musical choices. It's about dementia, losing and finding reality."

To be less threatening, he's taken the point of view of an opera queen, because the theatricality of opera is bigger

than life and less terrifying than someone suffering AIDS dementia.

Linking Two Worlds

It was Ney's decision to have at least one AIDS-oriented piece on each program. "I wanted my dancing and my AIDS activist work to be linked, because it seemed superfluous to be dancing when there's such important work to be done."

This program, however, contains two of Ney's AIDS dances. Returning from last season is *Turn Around*, a grieving solo Ney created in reaction to the death of a friend — danced to music by Chopin and Morricone, and a poem written and spoken by Aaron Shurin.

For a final wingding, there'll be the spiffy *Faerie Tale*, a wondrous dance that surrenders its breathless high comedy for a touchingly lyric *pas de deux* for two women, assisted by their good faeries (guess who?).

The two men are very aware these will be their last evenings together.

"This is the ending of a six-year chapter in our lives," said Ney. "It's exciting, frightening."

"Contemplating the change is depressing," murmured Arturo sadly.

But there's an antidote, I suggest — contemplating the memorable, moving creations of Juntos Dance. Thank you, Ney and Arturo, and thank your gay lives for Juntos.

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Another Finale?

The following weekend at Artaud, another company may be offering its final performances — but not because of any scheduled breakup. It's just that success is hitting Robert Henry Johnson so fast he could get scooped into the international dance world.

He's hot, his dancers are beautiful and exciting to see, and the dances he lays on them are wonderfully novel in their unique mix of ceremonial African and European balletic movement.

Robert Henry asks for extremes of movement — that's what marks their "African-ness." The smooth niceties of ballet are superseded by the ferocious lunge and snap that gives his works their kinetic thrill as well as their identity. This is most definitely the output of an African-American gay man. When Robert Henry wants snap, it's got several layers of meaning behind it.

"What interested me in being a choreographer is that I never fit in," the 25-year-old San Francisco native said recently. "No one could deal with my differences. But the problem was really the Eurocentric tradition. I couldn't fit in that box. I was looking for where I belonged when I was asked to create a dance for Men Dancing in the fall of 1992."

That event was a success (and a controversy, for Robert Henry employed a woman in the otherwise all-male festival). Suddenly, he had a company and commissions for work. He's been incredibly lucky in finding a mentor in star choreographer William Forsythe, who has helped him get jobs and "fathered" the young man's career.

"He helped me see it's not about age, color, or where you are. It's about who you are. It's about the human condition."



Robert Henry Johnson (lower left) with Ian Vincent McGinnis and Vivien Dai

Worlds Apart

The young man had much to assimilate, from the toughness of his home turf at Fulton and Webster, to the refinements of the SF Ballet company where he trained. Only a three-block walk, but worlds away from each other. Yet he had a supportive family, natural talent, a well-connected mentor and a company of dancers who flocked to him as if he was... well, a griot.

"In African and Native American society, gay people were looked at as the jewels. They were griots, shamans. I've been inspired throughout my life by gay people — they're bold, heroic people."

"But 'being' gay is a political aspect of life in San Francisco, which is not a focus of the dances we're doing now. Still, to not see the gay influences in my idiom would be wrong. The feeling is there."

The current dances are so dazzling that pigeonholing specific feelings is hard, especially with a company so eclectic in form, color and skill. There's no anorexic Balanchine ideal here. These are large African bodies, small Asian ones or broad Hawaiian physiques. Given Robert Henry's personal idiom — a distinctive blend of disco, hip hop, African ceremony and French ballet — their passage through space is riotous feast, always new and always invigorating.

Post-Afric Highways is a wild parody/celebration of urban life, set to Nina Simone's singing followed by live vocals. *Narrow Path* depicts black youth, guided by a griot, looking for their heritage and being urged by the choreographer not to turn their backs on their own people, to give back to their own kind.

Robert Henry was told he couldn't have an all-black company, or an all white company, because the blacks couldn't do classical and the whites couldn't do African. His company is giving the lie to those platitudes, just as Robert Henry is forging new definitions of self.

"You mirror your community, in the music, the movement, the subject matter," he urged. "You bring your life with you."

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gram — was endorsing homophobia. "I was, in fact, the person who put *MonitoRadio* on the air," says Carol Pierson, Director of Radio Production at KQED-FM, and a de facto co-chair of KQED's Gay and Lesbian Staff (GALS). "My feeling was that we should air it, and push *MonitoRadio* to change their hiring practices."

"KQED still wants us to pat them on their heads and wipe the sweat off their brows for airing programs that, as a public television station, it is their responsibility to air."

—Jesse Greenman

In 1990, the Boston-based *MonitoRadio* did change its hiring policy and it currently abides by Massachusetts state law which prohibits discrimina-

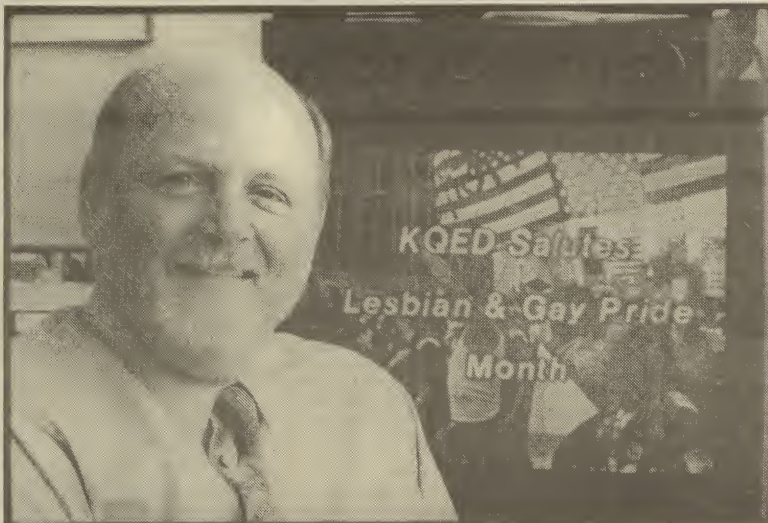
tion on the basis of sexual orientation. But that change did not occur until the Bay Area lesbian and gay community, led by organizations such as GLAAD, and even Mayor Art Agnos, placed a great deal of pressure on KQED, either to persuade *MonitoRadio* to change its employment policies or drop the broadcast of *MonitoRadio*'s programs altogether. Agnos went so far as to withhold approval of a \$15 million tax-exempt bond for the station, which was issued to help it move to its current home at 2601 Mariposa Street.

Of course, whether or not Christian Science's view of homosexuality has changed is another question. A current statement sent to the B.A.R. last week by the Christian Science Mother Church in Boston says homosexuality is "inconsistent with the teachings of Christ." The church, while expressing "deep compassion for all of God's children," also reports many "testimonies of healing written by individuals who have found freedom from homosexuality." And therein lies the persistent thorn.

Pierson says that during pledge drives, the station still gets calls from viewers who say they won't give money until KQED takes *MonitoRadio* off the air. Some people even booed Pierson when she was asked to speak for KQED at the 1992 Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

B.A.R. Talk

Perhaps the only good to come of the *MonitoRadio* controversy was that GALS actually formed because of it. On January 29, 1987, just after the controversy broke, a column by Brian Jones in the B.A.R. claimed that KQED was a homophobic employer.



Ron Santora of KQED

(Photo: Marc Geller)

In response, the gay employees at KQED wrote a letter to the B.A.R. challenging Jones' assertion. Since then, Pierson says, GALS has remained a cohesive force within KQED, lobbying for change both in programming and the company's own personnel policies. GALS is currently working to get health insurance coverage for domestic partners of KQED's lesbian and gay employees.

Another recent change at KQED was the 1990 arrival of Program Manager Ron Santora, from Seattle public television station KCTS. "When I applied for this job, I was not afraid to say I was a gay man," said Santora. "In fact, I saw it as being a plus." With the *MonitoRadio* controversy still brewing, and the *Comedy Tonight* fallout just hatching, 1990 was also the year GLAAD stepped up

pressure on KQED to listen to complaints from the gay community. Santora said it was after a series of meetings with GLAAD that the station began to make contact with organizations such as Frameline, the gay and lesbian film collective.

Also in 1990, Channel 9 aired *Out: A San Francisco-New York Town Meeting*, which John Roszak, the show's producer and a fellow GALS member, says was an unprecedented bi-coastal live broadcast that explored the emerging politics of Queer Nation. At the time, however, some gay and lesbian critics thought the program served to divide the community more than it brought it together. Roszak followed it up the next year with a San Francisco forum, entitled *Out Front*. He also produced a short documentary to accompany the American Playhouse broadcast of *Longtime Companion* in September of 1991. Entitled *AIDS: Ten Years Later*, it was distributed nationally to all PBS stations.

In addition to producing Channel 9's new public affairs program *Face to Face*, Roszak, a 19-year veteran of KQED, is the producer of *This Week in Northern California (TWINC)*. "I don't consider *TWINC* a gay show," Roszak says. "But I'm a gay producer, and I think I bring a sensitivity to producing that show." In July of this year, when rumors of President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" decision on gays in the military leaked out to the press, gay journalist David Tuller appeared on *TWINC* to discuss the issue.

Radio Days

On the FM side, Carol Pierson says that both *Forum* and *Talk of the Nation* covered the gays in the military issue "extensively," not to mention *Forum*'s coverage of the "gay gene" announcement, which also broke that week. "We're committed in all of our regular programs," Pierson says, "to cover gay issues and the gay community." (*MonitoRadio* controversy notwithstanding, in April of 1991, GLAAD presented KQED-FM with an "Orchid Award" for its gay and lesbian programming.)

Many GALS members see this year's June celebration of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month as the station's most important gay and lesbian event to date — especially the last night of that celebration, the June 30 pledge. "This was a historic evening," says Pierson — refer-

ring not to the four hours of gay and lesbian programming itself, most of which had aired before on the station, but to the amount of money that was raised, and the response they received from the gay community. According to GALS, 1,053 viewers pledged almost \$65,000.

Among GALS, there is a collective sense of frustration that the contribution they make to the gay and lesbian community goes largely unnoticed. More to the point, the only people who notice it are those who oppose it. "A lot of people, even in the Bay Area, are not educated about who gay people are," says Pierson. "And by doing programming, we have an ability to change that. But it's not without a lot of resistance."

Exhibiting their battle scars, GALS hauls out letters from viewers who cancelled memberships because of KQED's gay programming, letters that say "Death on the queers and their lifestyle — they have no rights. Because KQED supports the queers, I do not renew." With similar views being expressed via phone on the night of the June pledge, Ron Santora took to the airwaves himself, at once

"Gay people don't write letters, and that's the most infuriating thing."

— Ron Santora

pleading with viewers to support this "risky" programming, and in a surprise move for any television programmer, advising those viewers who were opposed to such programs to turn the channel.

Over at GLAAD, Jesse Greenman applauds Santora's candor, but adds, "Personally, I was offended by his references to this programming as a 'risk.' In the first place, KQED still wants us to pat them on their heads and wipe the sweat off their brows for airing programs that, as a public television station, it is their responsibility to air. In the second place, they continue to underestimate the number of gay

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Unflinching Portrait

City Poet: The Life and Times of Frank O'Hara
by Brad Gooch; Knopf, \$30

by Roberto Friedman

The life and death of the poet Frank O'Hara is one of the great gay stories of our time, involving genius, art, literary lions, and a tragic end. I was a bit apprehensive about Brad Gooch's new biography of O'Hara, *City Poet*, before I started reading. With some relief I can report that Gooch's book is not only worthy of its subject, it also genuinely conveys O'Hara's large contribution to poetry, modern art, and gay life in the New York of the '50s and early '60s.

O'Hara was to the emergent poetry of the New York School what friends like Larry Rivers, Jane Freilicher, and Alex Katz were to the art of their times — pushing past the bounds of convention, poets and painters created new forms of expression. Gooch has done his homework, moved in what remains of O'Hara's inner circles, and his reconstruction of the poet's life is full of the avant-garde thrill of artistic rebellion. O'Hara was not only staking out new territory with his "action poetry," as an influential art critic and curator for the Museum of Modern Art, he was instrumental in bringing adventurous new painting and sculpture into the limelight. That many of these artists were his friends (or, as in the case of the otherwise straight Rivers, lovers) and

appeared in his poetry only complicated his colorful life.

City Poet shows O'Hara to be a man with quintessentially urban sensibilities. Gooch chooses as the book's epigraph an excerpt from "Meditations in an Emergency": "I can't even enjoy a blade of grass unless I know there's a subway handy, or a record store or some other sign that people do not totally regret life." O'Hara's homosexuality was also an important factor in his work; Gooch notes the gay argot in his line, "it's the night like I love it all cruisy and nelly." The poet was capable of finding male beauty everywhere, such as a construction site "where laborers feed their dirty/glistening torsos sandwiches ..."

Amazingly Comprehensive

This biography is amazingly comprehensive, telling the story of an exceptional life, from O'Hara's stint in the Navy (and barracking in San Francisco, where he found Market Street "the best street in the world") to the drunken nights in the Cedar Bar with artists like Pollock and de Kooning, to the poet's untimely death in 1966, run over by a beach buggy on Fire Island. Along the way we meet O'Hara's intimates, great poets like John Ashbery and James Schuyler, John Wieners and Gregory Corso. We follow along in the travails of his love life, from a preference for straight men and



Poet Frank O'Hara

rough trade to later relationships with gay beauties. Gooch is a knowledgeable and generous guide, despite an occasional lapse, like his spelling of "oi vay."

For a literary groupie like me, whose discovery of O'Hara's informal yet city-glamorous voice helped make a suburban adolescence more bearable, this book truly was, as the publicity materials say, "long-awaited." Gooch, whose previous literary output and modeling career did not predispose me to expect great work, may in fact have been the exact right writer for this task. At a reading at A Different Light last month, the author explained how an early

love for O'Hara's poetry and personal contact with his last boyfriend set him off on the project. That inside angle shows in the finished product: *City Poet* is an empathetic yet unflinching portrait of an all-too-human Frank O'Hara.

The best thing about the biography is that it leads one back to the poems. O'Hara is responsible, after all, for one of the all-time great poem titles, "You Are Gorgeous and I'm Coming." No better way to close than with a stanza from his "Song": "someone comes along with a very bad character/he seems attractive. is he really. yes. very/he's attractive as his character is bad. is it. yes." ▼



KQED

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and lesbian viewers in the nine-county area that KQED serves. There is a substantial audience out there. What's the risk?"

According to Santora, if the station listened solely to the viewers who responded to their programming, it wouldn't show lesbian and gay programs at all. "The big headache is the fact that the religious right is extremely vocal, they get people to write letters everywhere," says Santora. "Gay people don't write letters, and that's the most infuriating thing. Because if we're losing members and we're not hearing from the community, obviously the community doesn't care or doesn't watch."

GALS members say if they're not being blamed for doing too much gay and lesbian programming, they're being told they're not doing enough. "People look to KQED as being the alternative voice," says Peter Stein, Executive Producer of Television Productions at KQED and a GALS member. "With the gay community being very active and activist, KQED has taken a lot of heat for not doing everything it can do." But Stein adds, "compared to most other public broadcast organizations, KQED is actually a maverick in terms of getting gay and lesbian programming out into the world."

"It all depends on who you compare them with," says

GLAAD'S Greenman. "If you compare them with a public television station in Kansas, then, yes, they may be right. But if you compare them with WNET in New York, or KCET in Los Angeles, those are the stations that are producing gay and lesbian programming. All KQED does is buy."

The absence of locally produced programs on KQED is a complaint that many Bay Area groups have with the station. As far as KQED gay/lesbian programs are concerned, opinions vary even within the ranks of GALS. "We have to continue to do good programming that addresses the community," says Peter Stein. "But if we do — and I don't see that changing — I'm hoping people say, 'Okay, this is an ongoing commitment.'" Santora, on the other hand, is a bit more fatalistic about the national appeal of gay-related programs. If other stations don't buy the programs, they don't pay for themselves. "Gay and lesbian programming on a national scale has very little chance of surviving. So far, we have been able to make it work. But it takes money to do that. And if our budget dries up, we'll have to make choices."

The imminent selection of a new president at KQED may bring a renewed commitment to gay and lesbian programming, or it may result in diminished activity in this area. As always, the final outcome at KQED will be determined by the highly unpredictable fluctuation of the *vox populi*.

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The San Francisco Track and Field Club is laying to rest the old adage, "united we stand, divided we fall." The club finished the month of July in an impressive manner by dividing into two squads, a young group competing at All-Comers track meets and an older team that made its mark at the Western Regional Championships.

"With the season starting to wind down, the local All-Comer meets provide an opportunity for our younger runners to continue to compete," said SFT&FC co-coach Frank Demby. "The Masters track meets we've been going to for years are only open to athletes age 30 and up, so it's great that everyone has someplace to race."

The younger squad's first meet, at the College of Marin, showcased Reggie Snowden and veteran runner Valerie Scott. Snowden won both the 100 and 200 meters in his first attempt at those events this year. He ran an excellent 11.8 seconds to take the 100 meters and beat the field in the 200 meters with a time of 24.0. Scott finished second in her strongest event, the 400 meters, with a time of 68.0, and then went on to win the 100 and 200 meters (14.4 and

30.0, respectively).

Also competing at the College of Marin was Rob Lenderink, who showed off his versatility with an unusual trio of second-place finishes in the 800 (2:19), 400 (55.0) and 100 meters (12.6). Kenneth Parish raced in his first 400 meters of the season (third at 58.0) and was on his way to a fine finish in the 200 meters when he reinjured his hamstring. It is uncertain whether he'll be able to rejoin the team at the final All-Comer meets.

1, 2, 3 Finish

At the Western Regional Championships in Cerritos, the SFT&FC's sprinters placed first, second and third in the men's 100 meters. Eddie Hall ran a season-best 12.1 seconds to capture the gold in his age group, while Demby and Rick Thoman finished second and third in their age group, at 12.3 and 12.5, respectively.

The bright sun and high temperatures appeared to zap Hall and Demby as they returned in the 200 meters, but they held on and finished third and fourth, respectively. Thoman completed his day by running a 400-meter leg of a sprint medley relay, reprising

his time of 57.2 set earlier in the month.

The team's women runners used the Cerritos meet as a tune-up for participation in this week's USAT&F National Championships in Provo, Utah. Valerie Scott and Michele Lewis finished second and third in both the 100 and 200 meters. Scott looked strong in both her races, but Lewis appeared to be struggling. She claimed afterward that she'll be ready for the ultimate test in Utah this week.

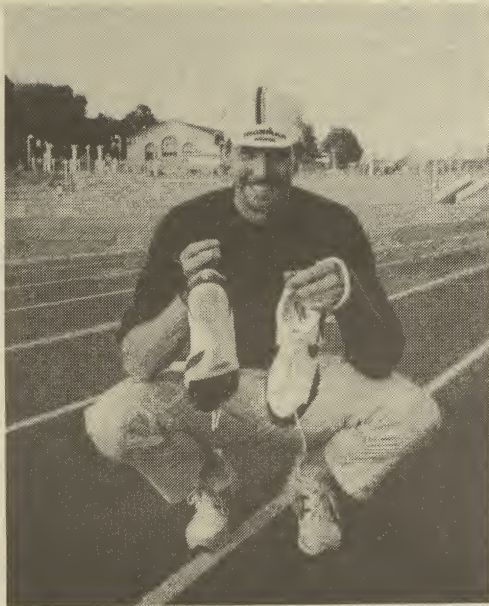
"I just had a wrist cast removed from my right hand last week and I'm still adjusting my running form," Lewis commented. "My hand is still weak and that gave me some problems in the starting blocks."

Lewis' teammate Thoman had a cast removed from his arm following the Regional Championships and is looking to be back in top form for the Norcal Senior Meet in Berkeley on Sept. 12.

Getting Ready for NYC

Although the competitive season is beginning to wind down, there's still plenty of training necessary to be in peak condition for the 1994 New York Gay Games.

"We've got less than a year



Rick Thoman of SFTFC — baby needs — and got — new shoes

to prepare ourselves and we're looking to make every minute count," said Demby.

Those wishing to join the San Francisco Track & Field Club on their quest for Gay Games gold can come out and

participate in their Kezar Stadium workouts, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. All are welcome, regardless of age or ability. For more information call (415) 550-7966.

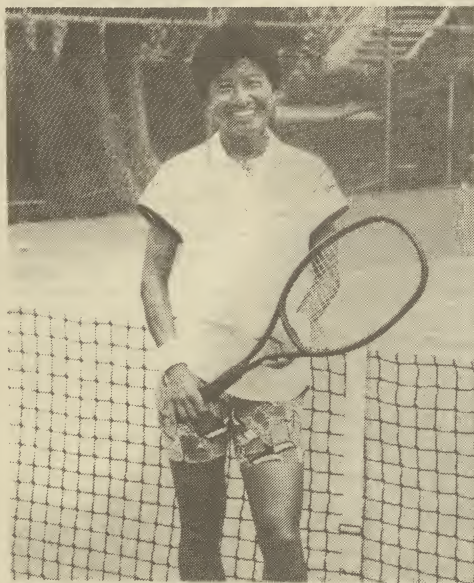
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Countdown to the Games

Abi Jeung started playing tennis at the age of 12, played for 12 years, then lost interest and put down her racket for nearly a decade. Then Gay Games changed her focus. She started training seriously, and it paid off — during Gay Games II in 1986 she took a silver in the open women's doubles, followed by Gay Games II in 1990 where she took a gold in 35 mixed doubles and a silver in 35 women's doubles. A member of the Gay Tennis Federation, Abi is now training for New York in 1994. If you're like Abi and plan to attend Gay Games IV — June 18-25, 1994 — either as an athlete or a spectator, now is the time to join Team San Francisco and get organized. TSF will supply you with the latest Gay Games information, travel and housing, registration for all sports, your uniform for Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and funds to help you get there. Registration for Gay Games IV begins this September. To join TSF, and represent our city in one unified group, call (415) 824-8118.

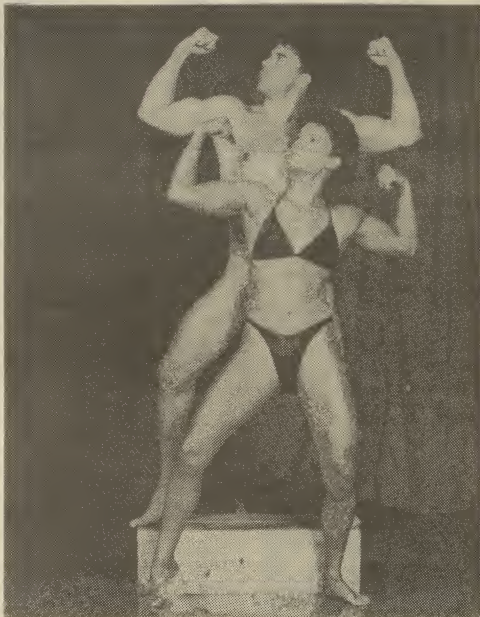
Dallas to Host Festival

Team Dallas will host the four-day Team Dallas Gay and Lesbian Sports and Cultural Festival, scheduled for the Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 8-11, 1993, and expected to bring thousands of athletes and spectators to the city.

According to team officials, the festival will feature contests in these sports: bowling, billiards, darts, golf, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and 5K and 10K runs (with a rollerblade division).

The festival will also include cultural events, with performances ranging from a joint concert featuring Encore, an ensemble from the nationally renowned Turtle Creek Chorale, and the Standing Room Only jazz group from the Women's Chorus of Dallas. Organizers are also planning several social events to round out the weekend.

For a Sports and Cultural Festival brochure, please write: Team Dallas, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219, or call (214) 521-5342, ext. 800. Travel arrangements are being handled by gay-owned/operated Travel Source. For reservations call (214) 520-8844 or 1-800-374-7771. ▼



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Learn the Ropes

The Fort Miley 4-H Adventure Ropes Course is holding its Second Annual Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Day on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Fort Miley in San Francisco from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camouflaged course is located in a tree grove off El Camino Del Mar Street, which leads to the Land's End parking lot near the Cliff House.

The ropes course is "an exhilarating series of physical

adventures designed to build confidence and a sense of accomplishment. There are individual challenges that involve climbing, balance and agility, and group challenges that are solved by collaboration and mutual support. The course combines an obstacle course, games, and individual and group initiatives to add up to high excitement and adventure!"

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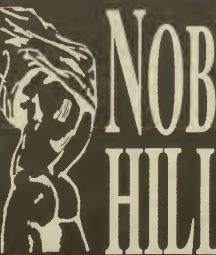


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MEN SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

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Goodlooking GWM 39, 6', 195, br/gr, HIVneg seeks LTR with same. Masc, mature, hairy, hung and together. EXT 6865.

Goodlooking, tall/slim btm sks LTR w/ extra tall, aggr, hung, loving, suc and over sexed top. love buss., arts and laughter. EXT 6866.

Very goodlooking 31yo GWM, Ital, HIVpos seeks vers GW/H/BM, HIVpos for hot sex, travel, frndshp. Possible LTR. EXT 6867.

GWM, 36, 6'4", 190, bl/bl, HIVneg in Contra Costa Co. sks GHM for LTR. Not into bars, gay scene or games. EXT 6868.

Mideast top needs smooth slim Asian for regular sex. 5'8", 160, hairy, Poss relationship. HIVneg. EXT 6869.

Looking for a man who enjoys sex. Doing for eachother, loving, caring wants to settle down. GW/LM 25-45, I'm 58, BB and a good housewife and lover. EXTR6870.

Hot yng stud, 27 seeks smart, sassy boys, 18-22 for dates or hot sex. Friendships possible, relationship not improbable. EXT 6871.

40 plus WM wanted for mono rship, who likes quite evenings, making love, dining, weekend getaways, etc. You are HIVneg, uncult, N/S, mature. Me all the above. EXT 6872.

Becoming stockbroker/lawyer. Handsome wheelchair guy seeks big hearted adventurous, gorgeous, spiritual guy for true love. EXT 6873.

I'm 40's, would like to meet GW/LM for times together for hot times. You vers. Pos LTR/frndshp. 25-40 EXT 6902.

GWM seeks loving GHM. I'm 36, 6'4", 190, bl/bl, HIVneg. You are Latin, 30-40, uncult and HIVneg looking for lover and LTR. EXT 6903.

Tall, sexy, unaffected btm sks LTR w/ hung, aggr top. I love arts, music, my sm bus, passionate rom. EXT 6904.

GWM, 32, looking for friends or more for dinner, movies, fun times. you be any race, 25-35, fun outgoing wanting friendship poss more. EXT 6906.

Afro-American, gay, 28, HIVpos, healthy, attractive, intelligent seeks sincere, fun loving, active man, 25-35 for friendship, love or more. EXT 6907.

Handsome GAM in San Jose, 34, 5'9", 160, professional, affectionate, educated, nice body, warm hearted, HIVneg seeks lover, LTR, 40-60, No skinny. EXT 6908.

Vintage Ital M sks Filipino M (Spanish descent). Rtnshp oriented. Trvl comp to Marbella, Spain (2 wks accom gratis), 2/27-3/7/94 w/ stop over Paris, ser and culturally open minded a plus. S.J./S.F. EXT 6939.

Sensual top, red/bl hair, gymtoned, swimmer, 5'11", artist, sks sexy, loving trim Latin man for rtnshp. EXT 6940.

Hairy, Ital GWM, 5'9", 160, 40's seeks boyish GM for LTR. Very oral, HIVneg exec likes life, travel, fun. EXT 6941.

GWM, mid-age enjoys movies, hiking, camping etc. Phy fit christian seeks GA/BM for frndshp pos LTR. EXT 6942.

I'm a hot, hry, 35 B/B top. I'm Looking for 'decent' guys around my age for fun, frndshp, rom and Poss love. I like tall, slim, hry W guys best but I'm vers and not ltd. I pref oral sex and the top but am vers. It would be choice of you're also honest, open and very patient. EXT 6943.

Handsome wheelchair guy soon to be lawyer/stockbroker seeks big-hearted courageous adventurous guy for true love and happiness. EXT 6944.

GWM top sks trim btm under 5'9" for S/M and pos frndshp and more. B/D, spank,TT, cuddling and kissing a plus. HIVpos and hlthy. Pref a btm who is not wrking in order to shw more grt times and maybe trips out of area. EXT 1000.

Goodlooking GAM, 28, 5'9", 175, well built, smooth. I am clean cut looking for cute to well built GWM. EXT 6876.

Expt cocksucker for cl ct hlthy masc men. Gd bod, 35-48 who love oral service by hlthy attr GWM. EXT 6877.

Chubby guy likes to play with cocks of all kinds. If it can be done, I'll try it. Suck, fuck or ? EXT 6878.

GBM, 30, 6', 245, bearded, hairy bear seeks other furry friends for late night encounters. EXT 6879.

Hairy Italian, HIVneg, good shape, bottom wants and needs to be serviced by top hot and horny Mexican or Lat. Also orally done to you. EXT 6880.

Hot in shape GWM, 27, br/gr, 5'9", 145, sks hot musc M any race. I'm fun safe. HIVneg. You too, pls. EXT 6892.

Horny? Friendly? Want fun time? Safe, oral, J/O, body rub downs and feel fine massage. South Bay sex buddy. Friends but not lovers. HIVneg. EXT 6893.

GLM HIVneg waits for your big hard dick to get in tight hairy ass, 145lbs 5'6", 42yo. Just sex no rtnshp. Just good fucking times. EXT 6894.

FF my fresh juicy butthole (budd)-hungry for wide deep tissue massage - open it up - inside out - handsome, 30's. EXT 6895.

GLM, 5'4", 135lbs, 36yo, bottom, very horny seeking GWM tops for fun. EXT 6896.

Goodlooking straight type GWM, 39, 200. Not into Gay life. Exception to what you've met. Sks similar goodlooking, masculine/beautiful inside. EXT 6897.

GWM, 38, I'm Hairy, husky and balding with mustache. I seek guys 20-30 with attractive boyish looks. I enjoy bicycling, nature and versatile safe sex, etc. EXT 6898.

Novice AM, 21, 5'5" into foot/tit, J/O, oral play. No anal sex. Give and receive massages. Similar age only EXT 6909.

Handsome daddy wants boy next door HIVneg, 25-30, cute, short, I'm young, 40ish and well built. EXT 6910.

33 yo, 170 needs over 60yo. Heavy a plus. Nice Daddy. EXT 6913.

Biker type with bike seeks side kick/fuck bud for summer fun and games. I am 45, you be 40plus/minus five years. EXT 6912.

BLK, 6'5" slave offers stud serv to leather man w/ fully equipt dungeon. Chain me up and supply me w/ bottoms. EXT 6915.

Hirsute, 40's, cut, HIVneg, GWM desires to crawl, worship nice feet etc of smart, intel dom over 40. EXT 6916.

Play w/ my cute ass. Gd/kg gr thighs, legs, boyish 40, 5'9", 155, massage, lic. Describe yourself. EXT 6911.

Two boys in Santa Rosa want you if you are under 30, cute and dirty. We want to service you. No regrets. Call now. EXT 6917.

Flex appeal w/ a smile? Great, defined muscle for safe sensual fun? I'm goodlooking, healthy, gentle. You be too! EXT 6918.

Black top wanted by attractive GWM. Bl, HIVneg looking for attractive. Black man for hot safe sex. You must be masc and in shape only. EXT 6919.

Tall musc, hndsm, hairy masc athletic sensual playful bottom sks tight bodied sensitive, HIVneg top. EXT 6920.

Big belly, big cock and balls on solid WM, 44, HIVneg seeks slender WM, HIVneg who enjoys above type men. I reply. EXT 6921.

South Bay horny, HIVneg M all age/ race/dick sz wnt tongue licks, massage and hugs? mature WM. EXT 6922.

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28 yo horny WM wants to be sucked off by a man that can take it all and swallow every last drop. EXT 6923.

Gd/kg GWM, 43 yng sks same gd/kg, hndsm GWM, 18-45 for fun, frndshp, maybe even romance! New in SF? Can be yr escort and show you everything, everywhere plus I like my nice dick sucked. EXT 6924.

Hndsm GLM, 44, 5'10", 155, smooth body with talented tongue and hungry talented ass needs to worship my man and make him happy. You: GWM, hung masc. EXT 6925.

GLM likes to be fucked by big dicks, tight hairy ass. I am ready for you when you walk in, doors open for big top, spanking, aromas, tits. EXT 6926.

I am 50, GWM myself 100 percent bottom. I am looking for a gay medical student to come and give me a full medical exam. EXT 6927.

Ass massage, lite spank. Me:Attr, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280. You: Attr GWM, 21-35, slim, built, nice ass. You won't be disappointed. You nd it. EXT 6930.

Big Latin loves sucking horny guys needing to get off. Let me milk your big dick dry! Beginners and young men especially welcome. EXT 6931.

Black top wanted. East Bay WM, 42, HIVneg to service your black cock, oral and with horny ass. Your used jockey briefs. EXT 6932.

Attr GBM, 40's, HIVneg seek GWM 48-65, HIVneg daddy type with a big, thick dick who enjoys love made to his dick for hrs. You will not be sorry! (smile) EXT 6933.

Guys hung or 10 inches or more wanted for fun and good times. I am hung 9. EXT 6934.

Lat's get naked. Looking for guys into social nudity. Let's get together, get naked and talk. EXT 6936.

Hot, butch flattopped blond, Handlebar stache, 5'9", 140, 38 but look yng. I am very vers, few inhibitions and wild in bed. Lkng for same w/ dark hair. HIVneg and safe hot sex. EXT 6938.

Latino male, very handsome, fit, 32, healthy HIVpos seeks W/LJM with motorcycle for fun rides on the back of your bike. Show me the views, the hills and the valleys then take me for a ride. Please be wonderful inside and out. EXT 1036. Previously EXT 6938. Ooops!!! Please call again.

Rough top needed by two handsome, discreet fit WM's 30 and 40 for comp fantasy. Must be rough. Serious, fit, hung, white. San Diego. EXT 6935.

Sexy, educated, intelligent, creative guy seeks wealthy and educated guy for fun and good times. EXT 6937.

No. Bay 27yo lkgng for masc, discreet top men under 30 for fun. HIVneg and in shape men only. EXT 6947.

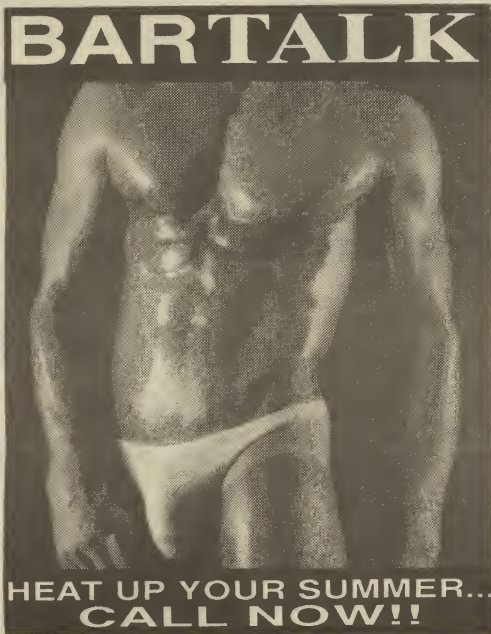
Boy 35, thin musc seeks, uncult hung daddy for skin worship instruction, B/D curious no pain. EXT 6948.

Couples only! HIVneg and HIVpos looking for others willing to share. Discreet, goodlooking prof. EXT 6950.

BM, 38, 6'1", 165, gd/kg, 9', vers, sks B/LAM for fun and friendship. Musciline and vers a plus! EXT 6951.

Bad boy, 56 needs strict man over 60 to whip and love me. I do as I'm told. EXT 6952.

WM bottom, 32, br/bl, 5'10", hndsm, gym body, hung, sks goodlooking WM top, in shape, 25-40 for safe sex on a reg basis. EXT 6953.



HEAT UP YOUR SUMMER...
CALL NOW!!

BIWM, 35, lks 25. Very masc top sks M of color bttms for pos rel. Must be 25-38, in reasonable shape (I am) and be grt lkgng (like me) manly smelling armpits really get my attention. BM are a plus. EXT 1001.

Hot Bl Bear btm, 30, HIVneg lkgng for well hung aggr GWM top for friendship and LTR. EXT 1002.

Masc, athl, Asian, 45, 5'9" sks clean shaven, gym toned, smth, slender or musc WM for frndshp or more. Enjoy workouts, sports and outdoors, and the arts. EXT 1003.

GWM 40's, br/br, 5'9", 220, sks a man 20-40, adv, honest loves sex. Pos LTR. Enjoys good times together. I have many interests...sex is one. EXT 1033

GM,Amer/Hisp , 32, 5'10", 150, HIVpos, handsome, healthy, open minded, creative, reg gym goer, seeks GM who are honest, reliable, happy, and are comfortable with themselves and know what makes them happy. LTR minded. Salt and pepper or Redhead and HIVpos a plus, not mandatory. EXT 1038.

MEN SEEKING ADVENTURE

Foot fetishist: WM, 39, sks dom, kinky, Latin in sheer socks, soft boots, hightops to pamper and please. B/D/ EXT 6874.

Blue collar skinhead, 27, study , into scat, boots, Derby jackets, beanies, Ben Davis pants, being whipped. EXT 6875.

If your yoyo and 8' plus and cut, masc, top, strt acting who likes to lean back and watch me svc his cock and balls this 33 yo Arab is for you. EXT 6899.

23 yo cop loves to suck cock and get fucked after a whipping. On my knees or legs in air. Convince me. EXT 6881.

BGM top, 8' sks GW/LM btm, HIVneg. No talk, just hardcore sex. Come suck my dick, lick my ass and sit on my joystick. Night and daytime. EXT 6882.

Black Puerto Rican into White bottoms only, must be 27-35 and attractive, love oral sex. EXT 6883.

GWM, 49, HIVneg, 5'9", 175, br/bl, great lkgng wants sim HIVneg guy for movies intel conv, hot sex. EXT 6884.

N. Bay 50yo, HIVneg, 7', not btm seeks big cock and 7.7 on reg basis. EXT 6885.

GWM/GAM cpl in mid 20's lkgng for simr aged cpls for frndshp and fun. Lat and W cpls esp welcome. EXT 6886.

Itln ex-football jock seeks expert oral svcing on a reg basis. Castro location. All replies considered. EXT 6887.

Hot, Strong, tough, hairy, musc, sadistic leatherman seeks tough hairy m'f'ers into fighting for topman's position in boots, chaps. EXT 6888.

Bi WM, married, HIVneg, 5'11", 170, trim, cl ct lkgng, 40's skng well hung rom and sin GWM for LTR, 50-60's, HIVneg, sexually creative, oral, a great kisser and stim to be w/. I'm eager to learn and willing to satisfy. S.F. or E. Bay only. EXT 6889.

GWM, 33, 6'1", goodlooking seeks masculine guy who likes to be on top. Safe only. EXT 6890.

Two GWMs, late 40's seek a third playmate in our bed. We are attractive, fit, HIVneg. You are attractive, fit, relaxed and open. EXT 6891.

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 13

Juntos Dance
Ney Fonseca & Arturo Fernandez perform new and favorite dances, including "A Fairy Tale" (performed in flannel and tutus) and a duet for two women set to the songs of k.d. lang. \$12.50. 8pm. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida. 621-7797.

Twilight of the Golds
Jonathan Tolin's not-too-far-into-the-future dramatic play about parents who must decide if they want to keep their unborn baby, whom they know is gay. \$10-34. Thru 9/19. Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter. 771-6900.

Metamorphosis
Steven Berkoff's acclaimed dramatization of Franz Kafka's strange novel about a man whose petty life and job turns him into a bug. \$10-17.50. 8:30pm. Thru 8/22. Magic Theatre's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason Center. 474-8855.

In Between Zones
Andrew Dazz's suspenseful play of blithe spirits and murder. \$10-20. 8pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru 9/26. New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Forty-Deuce
Tragic drama of gay male Times Square hustlers in the early '80s, written by the late Alan Bowne (*Snake in the Vein*, *Beirut*, *Sharon and Billy*). \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 8/21. Theatre Rhinoceros Studio, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

The Lost Episode: One of These Days 2
The Honeymooners' gay kids return with a wacky episode including two lesbian neighbors. \$12. 8pm. Thru 8/14. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Execution of Justice
Dramatic play about the Milk-Moscone murders and the trial of sicko Dan White. \$10. 8:30pm. Thru 8/14. Stage One Theatre Company, 1341 Alameda, San Jose. (408) 293-6362.

Petulia
Richard Lester's '60s look at groovy mod San Francisco, with Julie Christie having an affair with George C. Scott. \$5.50. 7pm. Pacific Film Archive, UC Berkeley. (510) 642-1412.

A Partridge Family
Friday the 13th
The scary funny parody of the TV show, with special guest stars Philip R. Ford, Danielle Willis & Connie Champagne. One night only. 9pm & midnight. \$8-13. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice at 12th. 863-5946.

Danny Williams & Amy Foster
Two queer comics in one show. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Incident at Vichy
Arthur Miller's powerful drama about the WWII deportation of Jews from France. \$12. 8pm. Thru 8/22. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St. 626-3311.

Amadeus
Hillbarn Theatre's staging of Peter Shaffer's provoking BAY AREA REPORTER AUGUST 12, 1993 PAGE 46

and powerful drama about Wolfie. \$9-14. 8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 8/28. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City. 349-6411.

Ker-SHMACKidda
Aided by gravity-defying synthetic hair, two fags and a straight girl do a white trash musical comedy revue. \$5. 9pm. Also 8/28. Kimo's, Polk & Pine. 703-0717.

String of Pearls
Overtones Industries' production of four mini-operas based on mythological themes. \$10-12. 8:30pm. Thru 8/15. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia at 22nd. 641-0235.

Why We Have a Body
Comedy about gender roles, including a dyke detective and a woman who thinks she's Joan of Arc when she's not robbing 7-Eleven stores. \$12-21. 8:30pm. Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm. Thru 8/29. Magic's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. 441-8822.



Justin Chin at Josie's (TUE.)

Darling Lili
Victor/Victoria
Blake Edwards double feature. Julie Andrews and Rock Hudson star in a shorter director's cut of the British music hall star & spy story (7:30pm). **Victor/Victoria** gender-bends in a variety of musical ways, with Julie as a woman playing a man playing a woman. Robert Preston plays her gay impresario pal (9:40). Part of the wide-screen festival. \$6. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

Three of Hearts
Dopey lesbo three-way romance movie with Kelly Lynch, Billy Baldwin and Sherilyn Fenn. Too bad Billy's not queer, too. \$5.50. Also Sat. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight St. 668-3994.

Bernard Cooper
Acclaimed author of *Maps to Anywhere* reads from his novel, *A Year of Rhymes*. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

SATURDAY 14

Chanticleer
Sacred Gregorian chants of the Middle Ages in a solemn candlelit setting. \$16-19. 8pm. Mission Dolores Basilica, Dolores at 16th. 392-4400.

Be-Bop Bandstand
Jitter bug, cha cha, stroll and bunny hop through a DJ dance party with '50s & '60s tunes. Proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center. \$12-15. 8pm-1am. Olive Oil's, Pier 50, 295 China Basin, off 3rd St. 641-1612.

Runway 1993
Miss GAPA & Gay Asian Pacific Man pageant & ball. A queer n' Asian celebration with high drag, hunks, singing & hula dancing. \$14-20. 7pm. Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post. 621-7358.

Guys and Dolls
UC Berkeley's production of the classic Loesser musical about gambling and salvation. \$8-14. 8pm. Sun. at 2pm. Thru 8/15. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

The Winter's Tale
California Shakespeare Festival's production of the Bard's romantic adventure of jealousy, magic, clowns and Sicily. \$15-27. Thru 8/26. Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre, Orinda. (510) 548-9666.

Free Will and Wanton Lust
Comedy about a dysfunctional Park Avenue family. \$18. 8pm. Sat./Sun. 2pm mats. Sun at 7pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason. 982-SHOW.

Snapshots From the Asylum
Madine Ish's autobiographical monologues about madness, car wrecks, and recovery. \$8. 8pm. Thru 8/28. La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1832 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. (510) 540-7743.

Baby Cheeks
Play about three local drug abusing runaway prosties who try to start a band. \$10. 9pm. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theatre, 96 Lafayette St. 552-3034.

Gay Comedy Night
Laugh with Tom Ammannio Scott Capurro, Michael Tee. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Prelude to a Kiss
Craig Lucas' soul-switched modern fable about unconditional love. \$9-15. 8pm. 7pm Wed., 2pm Sun. Thru 8/28. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City. 349-6411.

The Cereal Killers
Members of the camp band Enrique wrote and star in this hypermusical TV-land rock opera. \$10-12. 8pm. Also midnight on Fridays. Thru 8/21. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-5455.

The Cherry Orchard
Anton Chekov's insightful play about a decaying aristocracy. \$5. 8:30pm. Thru 8/22. Theatre of the Blue Rose, 2525 8th St. Berkeley. (510) 540-5037.

Beyond Therapy
Quirky farce about shrinks, lovelorn bisexuals, and nut job therapists. \$20. 8pm. Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Pageant
Hilarious musical drag parody of beauty contests. \$29-34. Tue-Thu. 8:30pm. Fri. & Sat. 7 & 10pm. Sun. 3 & 8pm. Thru 8/29. Palace Theatre, Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post. 989-SHOW.

Girth & Mirth
Big gay men's August social party. \$3-5. 821-2685.



Pac Belles

What burning confessions, bubbling hypocrisies and terrorizing schemes lie behind the saccharine-sweet voices of "The Receptionists"? Find out in the dance of the same name, when Squad (above, Catherine Sharpe, Diane Shields & Katie Moremen) premiere their newest dance-text full speed work, with an original score by local composer Dred Scott. You'll never again feel the same way about that chilling phrase, "Hold, please." \$12.50. 8pm, August 14 & 15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

word sexy

Okay, women, here's a double play of clit lit events bound to keep you flippin' the pages one-handed. Join the **Erotic Reading Circle** to share yours, hers and someone else's sexy scrawlings. (Free, Tuesday, August 17, 8-10pm). On Wednesday, August 18, hear a real porno pro, Pat Califia, read from her new short story collection, *Melting Point* (Free, 8pm). Both events transpire at Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia at 23rd St. 974-8980.

For talk on sex and gender, get more than one perspective from transgender lesbian Kate Bornstein (right) in *The Opposite Sex...Is Neither*, her incisive solo work about gender differences, with characters of virtually every identity. \$10-12. 8pm. Thru 8/22. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.



Primo Afro Homos

Get a sneak preview of **Pomo Afro Homos'** new stuff as they read material-in-progress and discuss censorship aspects of performing out, gay, black performance works (Friday, August 13). On Saturday, August 14, the videos of Marlon Riggs (left) will be shown at **More Tongues Untied**. See Pat Buchanan's favorite film, and *Ethnic Notions and Color Adjustment*, powerful vids that feature the verbal artistry of Assoto Saint, Essex Hemphill and others. Both programs at 7:30pm. \$3-5. San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut. 771-7020.

Seeing Seamen

There's something unintentionally homoerotic about the drawings and art work documenting wartime. While we appreciate the honest depiction of the horrors of war, we can't miss the evident male bonding. Isn't that what joining up is all about? Not these days. At least we can ask and tell about the exhibit currently on display at the **Treasure Island Museum**, 410 Palm Avenue, through August (395-5067). WWII Coast Guard officers Anton Otto Fischer and Norman Thomas' work will be on display with the permanent show of seaplanes and military artifacts. And since Treasure Island is a military base, this sounds like the perfect place for an afternoon outing. Both kinds.



SUNDAY 15

Kronos Quartet & Bella Lewitzky Dance Co.
Combined outdoor concert of dance and new music by two amazing ensembles. Free. 2pm. Stern Grove, Golden Gate Park. 252-6252.

Moral Heights
Dynasty meets *Mayberry* RFD in a mythical small town soap opera comedy. \$7. 8pm. Sundays only. Artful Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-KILL.

The Los Altos Story
Video showing of a tape about the church's response to AIDS. Free. 11am. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason. 392-7461.

Feminist Erotic Fun Film Fest
Women-produced video showing in a benefit for the local chapter of NOW. \$10-20. 6-10pm. Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St. at Valencia. 469-6977.

General Idea: Fin de siècle
Stylized installation of "AIDS," the sculptural variation on Robert Indiana's "LOVE" also gargantuan AZT capsules and other viral icons. Thru 9/5. SF Museum of Modern Art, 401 Van Ness. 252-4000.

The Bizen Sonata
Four multimedia installations exploring a new Pacific Rim consciousness. Thru 9/25. Bayfront Gallery, Fort Mason Center. Landmark Bldg. A. 441-5706.

G40plus Club
Maury Loomis shows recent TV programs with gay content. 2pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

Polish Gothic Realism
Drawings, paintings and prints by Ireneusz Ciesiolkiewicz. Opening reception 1-4pm. UC Berkeley Extension Gallery, 55 Laguna. 861-6833.

MONDAY 16

Veronica Klaus
Fab chanteuse and her big band. Mondays thru Aug. \$2. 9:30pm. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market at Sanchez. 861-5016.

Gay Comedy Open Mike
Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Beverly Burch & Diane Whitacre
Author of *On Intimate Terms: The Psychology of Difference in Lesbian Relationships* reads with Whitacre, author of the photo/interview book *Will You Be Mine? Domestic Partnership: San Francisco City Hall*. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Wax Lips
Queer TV with Rodney O'Neal Austin and Jennifer Locke as hostesses. 8pm. Cable Channel 51.

TUESDAY 17

And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept
Justin Chin's performance work on sex, death, insects, betrayal and other familiar topics. \$8. 8pm. Tuesdays thru Aug. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Misery Loves Company
Christine Beatty reads from her new poems about the Tenderloin, diners and velvet-draped dives. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Lesbian & Gay Folk Dancing
Teaching 7:30-8. Dancing 8-9:30pm. Eureka Valley Community Center, 18th & Collingwood. 585-9784.

Found on the Volga
Russian photographers documenting war veterans, PWAs and post-Soviet subcultures. Thru 8/21. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. 621-1001.

Barbary Coast Playhouse
Gay TV show. 4:30pm. Channel 51.

WEDNESDAY 18

Open Lesbian & Gay Reading
Bring prose, poetry to share. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Qiler & Cameltoe
Two rockin' bands in one queer club. \$4. 10pm-ish. Faster. Pussycat. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th. 561-9771.

Charlie Ramos
Compelling figurative paintings. Thru 9/19. Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St. 921-8383.

Jill Posener
Retrospective of photographic works by the photo editor of *On Our Backs*. Thru 8/18. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St. 863-4177.

Mobility
Installation by Elliott Linwood. Thru 9/15. Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes St. 626-1936.



Jill Posener's photo exhibit (WED.)

Fraenkel Gallery
"Several Exceptionally Good Recently Acquired Pictures VII," including Muybridge, Larry Clark & others. Thru 8/21. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

Li Chang Accurso
Abstract paintings and themes on nature. Thru 8/30. Women's Art Project, 3543 18th St. 641-8640.

Richard Bolingbroke
Exhibition of watercolors. 10 percent of proceeds go to AEF. Thru 8/28. Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market. 621-8664.

Architects & Passages
Mixed media sculpture and furniture as functional art forms. Architrave, 541 Hayes. 621-4923.

The Brothers Network Weekly drop-in support group for African-American gay, bi and transgender men to discuss HIV and AIDS issues. Every Tuesday, 6pm. 749-6714.

Healing Our Losses One-day workshop for healing unresolved grief. \$20. Sponsored by Kairos. August 14, 10am-4pm. Francis of Assisi Community Center, 145 Guerrero. 861-0877.

Jewish Parents of Gays & Lesbians Confidential supportive discussion group in Los Gatos. Karen Belford, 399-2202.

Alternative Alcohol Problem Fellowship Tuesdays, 8-9:30pm. 398-6594.

Spectrum Lesbian and Gay Men's Support Groups Reservations now being taken for groups meeting Monday evenings. Eight-week commitment required. \$15 per session. 457-1115.

New Horizons/Rainbow's End Young adult gay, lesbian & bi support groups meet August 19. For time and location, call 457-1115.

Free Self-Defense Classes San Francisco Street Patrol teaches you how to fend off would-be bashers. Sundays, 3-4pm. Collingwood Park, 18th & Collingwood. 985-7423.

Bay Area Young Positives HIV support group for young people of color. Weekly meetings, activities. Every Wednesday, 7pm. 25 Van Ness, 5th fl. 923-0460.

Elderflower Womenspirit Festival Workshops, rituals, crafts and fun in the woods for women & girls. Near Mendocino. August 19-22. (916) 558-0607.

Lavender Waves Retreat Recovery retreat on the Central Oregon coast, for lesbians. Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Limited registration. (503) 563-3643.

THURSDAY 19

Bewitched, The Play
Updated comedic play based on the hexy sitcom. \$15. 8pm. Thru 9/28. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Quartermaine's Terms
Simon Gray's comic play about an English teacher. \$13-15. 8pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru 9/19. Phoenix Theatre, 8th St. at Folsom. 931-6011.

Black Voices and Visions
Videos by different artists, including *Spin Cycle*, about Aarin Burch's lesbian leanings, & *True Blue Bart*, about a ten-year old who acts like the Simpson cartoon. \$3-7. 8:30pm. ATA, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

Sister/Stranger: Lesbians Loving Across Lines
Contributors to Jan Hardy's anthology read essays, poems and stories. \$3-10. 8pm. Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia at 21st. 821-4676.

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Mr. Southern California Drummer Rusty Stickler (l.) and Drummer Boy "Ben," chosen last Saturday night, Aug. 7 at Wolf's in Long Beach.
(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Marching Toward The Drummer '93 Titles

The march toward the second most important male leather title, International Mr. Drummer 1993-94, is almost at the climax. This coming Saturday, Aug. 14, the last of the regional competitions will take place at the Stud Bar in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the men who have already won their regional titles are now preparing for the final competition that will take place here in San Francisco on Saturday night, Sept. 25.

Last Saturday night, Aug. 7, the current International Drummer Boy, John Hare, enlisted the help of several of his many friends (including Mr. Long Island, NY Drummer) to stage the Mr. Southern California Drummer contest at Wolf's Bar in Long Beach. Some 300 men and women converged on the patio on a balmy night without a trace of smog to witness seven men and two boys compete for titles in an event that, woefully, was not conducted at all last year.

Despite malfunctioning lights and sound throughout, the men gave their speeches and performed their fantasies, utilizing the two Drummer boy contestants for their presentations in a marathon of situations involving whips, razors, Dracula blood capsules, chains and a little black magic. Max Angst and Ben got a standing ovation from the audience for their flawless performances.

Judges Mikal Bales, Greg Byfield, Brian Dawson, Marc Lowy and Ed Morgan participated in the pre-judging during the day, and John Hare co-emceed the event with

Lenny Broberg. Needless to say, they directed barbs and counter-barbs at each other and the judges throughout. Some \$500 was raised for the beneficiary, Project Angel Food, an organization similar to our Project Open Hand, with over 100 volunteers delivering meals daily and covering the entire Los Angeles County area!

Starting only 20 minutes later than the announced time, the entire production ended on target at 2330, and

the 1993 Mr. Southern California Drummer is Rusty Stickler, a handsome 33-year-old stud standing 6 ft. 1 in. and weighing in at 200 lbs.

I daresay that he'll give the other contestants a run for the gold ring in September. The first runner-up was Don Robert, and the second runner-up was Richard Anderson. The Southern California Drummer Boy for 1993 is "Ben." It was obvious the two were totally surprised by the

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Mr. and Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps Mark Larsen and Kelly Burlingham selected by the judges last Friday night, Aug. 6 at the SF-Eagle.
(Photo: Tim Wong)

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Southern California Drummer winners (l. to r.): 2nd runner-up Richard Anderson, Mr. So. California Drummer Rusty Stickler and 1st runner-up Don Robert with (kneeling) Drummer boy "Ben."

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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announcements. The other contestants were Bill Bass, Scott McKenzie, Marc Saber and Nick Guerrero. The other Drummer Boy contestant was Max Angst. Good show and great effort created a success, and somehow, we all knew it would happen. During his pre-judging interview last year, John pledged that if he won, he would bring Southern California leather men and boys back into the Drummer family. John proved to be

Burlingham (also Ms. Watering Hole) is Ms. Cheeks and Chaps.

The AIDS Memorial Grove beer/soda bust at the Eagle on Sunday was a sell-out. Lots of volunteers poured beer, and scads of door prizes donated by Drummer, Rob of Amsterdam, Hot 'n' Hunky, Mister S. Leathers and others were given away. Great!

Idol Gossip

Reports are filtering in



Seven men and two boys comprised the participants in the Southern California Drummer contest at Wolf's in Long Beach last Saturday night, Aug. 7.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

a man of his word. Success! We like success!

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During my absence over the weekend, there was a lot to keep everyone busy, including the Mr. and Ms. San Francisco Cheeks and Chaps contest at the Eagle on Friday night, Aug. 6, and Tatiana's First Saturday anniversary show on Saturday night, both at the Eagle.

There was a lot of entertainment and fun at the contest, and a record number of contestants. When all was said and done, the new Mr. SF Cheeks and Chaps is Mark Larsen, and Kelly

about hot new leather bars around the country, the latest being Harley's in Phoenix, Arizona. Owned by two guys named Lonnie and Kent who were clever enough to hire Little Steve Marinoff (you know, the guy who created those fabulous leather-scented candles, incense, oil and lube), Harley's has only been open some six or seven months, but it's definitely making a big impression on Phoenixians and visitors alike. Check it out on your next visit. Tell them I sent you!

Prism Gallery, the establishment in New York that sponsored the Mr. Northeast

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"Iron" Mike Pereyra congratulates SF Leather Daddy XI Philip Turner after his triumph at the contest on Friday, July 30, at the SF-Eagle.

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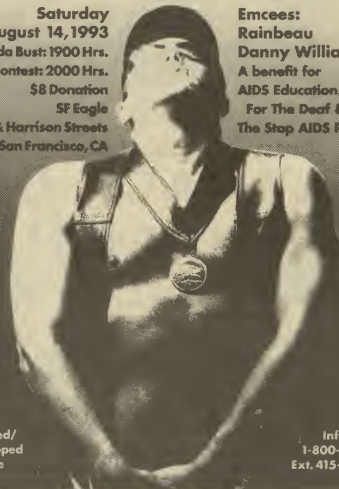
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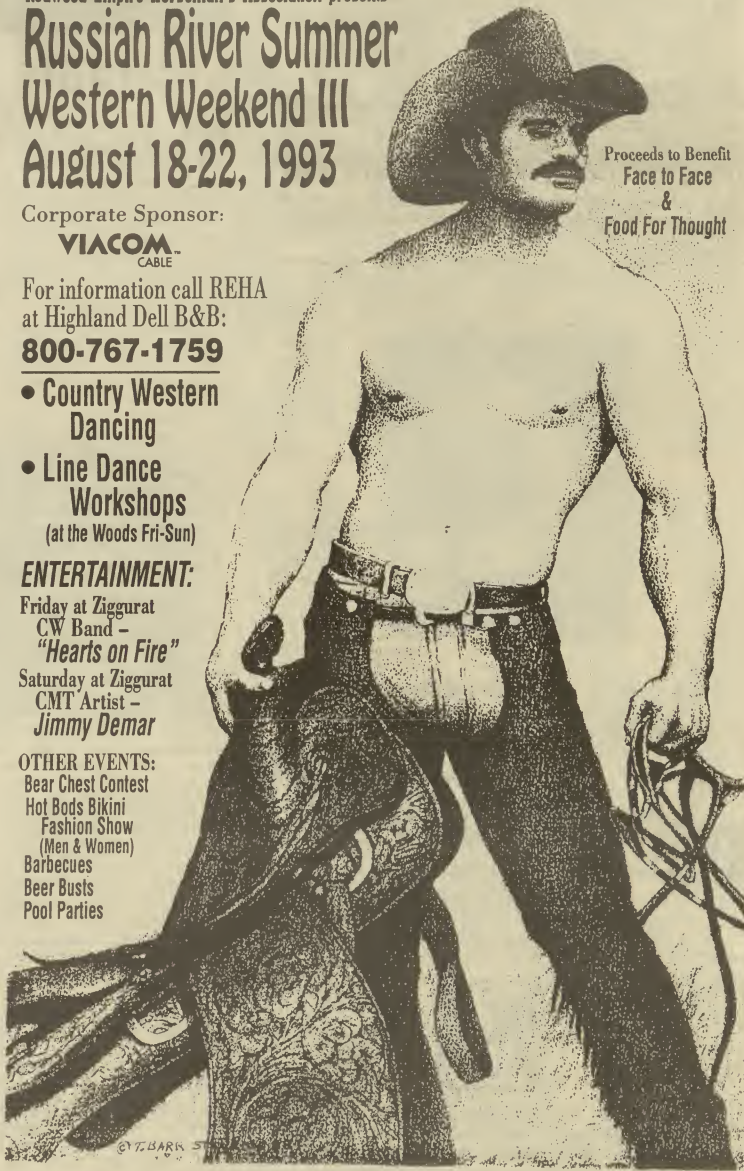
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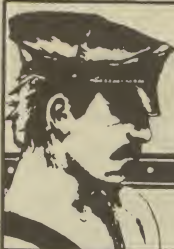
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Drummer Contest, was raided the night before the big competition, so the event was transferred to another site. Word is that because of legal expenses being incurred by Prism, the Drummer Man and Boy will have to pay their own expenses to the finals here in September! Is

this what "shit happens" means?

Those "road warriors" from our town — Jerry Roberts, Warren Cave, David Lamadue and his John, et al. — are still biking it around the Northwest, and a reliable source says that Warren Cave is leaving a trail of broken hearts all over Washington,

Oregon and parts of Canada! When last seen, they were attending the Vancouver Pride Weekend and the Mr. and Ms. Vancouver Leather VII Contest on Saturday, July 31. Lloyd Stevens won the title. I can't wait to hear the "details" of that heart-breaking rampage! Welcome home, guys!

Affairs to Remember

Thursday, Aug. 12: Basket of the Month contest at The Edge bar tonight at 2000-2400. Emceed by Danny Williams, with a \$6 beer/soda bust, raffle tickets and prizes. Bite the bulge!

Weekend, Aug. 13-15: Leather Weekend at the Russian River — most of the action at the Russian River Resort (Triple R). Beer/soda busts, entertainment by Rainbeau & Co., Terry Foster, Gail Smith and fantasies by the SLA. Welcoming party on Friday; bike run, poolside party and leather contest Saturday afternoon; and leather dance party that night. Sunday, it's a pool party, crafts fair and tea dance later. Bring lots of money, energy and whistle while you lurk!

Orange County Pride Celebration all weekend, with scads of fun, parties, disco scenes and action galore. In Orange County? You betcha! Lots of our guys and gals will be there. Freak freely, but with caution. It is Orange County, after all!

Mr. Florida Drummer and Drummer Boy contest at the Stud in Fort Lauderdale Friday and Saturday with all sorts of

leathery activities. Todd Fulton producing. This is the last of the regional competitions. If you go, say thanks to David Vargo, last year's winner! He'll be there to hand over his title and lash, I mean "sash," his successor.

Gay Rodeo in Wichita, Kansas, all this weekend. Horses, cowboys, cows, pigs, drag, all done up in the inimitable Midwestern style. Some of our people will be there! Kindly adhere to the "no bare asses" dictum! You are in Kansas, and Dorothy or Glinda can't help you!

Portland, Oregon's NLA kicks off its Leather Week through Sunday, Aug. 22. Parties, events galore, culminating with the Mr./Ms. NLA Portland. Winners will compete at Living in Leather in Houston in October! If you're there, check it out!

Saturday, Aug. 14: Bear Hug/Leather Group beer/soda bust at Rey's Bar (formerly the Borderline/8th and Folsom) from 1400-1800 for \$5 to benefit Bear Expo '94.

The first annual Mr. and Ms. Deaf California Leather competition at the SF-Eagle tonight. The

\$8 beer/soda bust begins at 1900, and the competition is at 2000. The fabulous Rainbeau and Danny Williams will emcee. It's a benefit for AIDS Education/Services for the Deaf and the Stop AIDS Project. Will be voice interpreted and handicap accessible. Remember, when applauding, wave — don't clap! Don't miss this one! Philip Rubin and Rex Greco never rest!

Sunday, Aug. 15: The nation's oldest gay uniform club (25 years), the California B&B Corps of Los Angeles, hosts the beer/soda bust at the SF-Eagle this afternoon from 1500-1800, with food. At least a dozen of their members will be on hand, including former SF resident, Butch Freeman. No auction, no raffle, no bullshit. Just enjoy!

Wednesday, Aug. 18: Final spot on the Great Buns Calendar gets filled at the SF-Eagle at 2130 tonight. Next Thursday, Aug. 25, all 12 winners will compete for the cover spot. Win cash! Bare your buns! Ignite! Listen to the Lullaby of Bunsway! ▼

Sweet Lips

Celebrate Life for 'Rosa'

Things are really jumping in the Polk Gulch region this month. My calendar is bursting with potential activities, not the least of which is the "as requested by Rosa" Shit-Kickin' Celebration of Life for Eddie "Rosa" Llwelling, Aug. 15 from 2-6 p.m. at Kimo's. Don't miss it.

Speaking of Kimo's, welcome back to my dear Sissy Spaceout after a month's vacation in Europe. We missed you.

Emperor IX Bob Pace and Empress XVI Phylliss present the Dame Edna Look-alike Contest Aug. 27 at Kimo's Show Room, with a \$100 prize for the winner. This fabulous event will be a benefit for the Empress Tenderloin Tessie holiday dinner program.

Lily's has the latest happy hour in town — Sunday through Thursday from midnite until closing. Well drinks are \$2, domestic beer \$1.50 and wine and schnapps only \$1. And of course on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday that handsome Tony is on the plank from 7 until closing. Such energy!

The MHR AIDS support group is holding its fourth annual Casino Night Aug. 14, 7-11 p.m., at Bingo Hall, 100 Diamond St. Donations are \$10. The grand prize is \$1,000, plus there will be other surprises and lots of games, food and fun. Right, Durwood?

Go, Little Joe

"Little Joe" is running for Mr. Tavern Guild. You can purchase your tickets from him (only \$1) at Charpe's Grille Saturday through Wednesday evenings or at the Wooden Horse Monday through Wednesday from 6 a.m. until noon. Good luck, Joe.



Lind Miller and that scary chapeau at the Cinch

Correction: the Kokpit is open from 8 a.m. until midnight. Sorry for the error, darling Kenny Allison.

Hot 'n' Hunky at the Polk Rendezvous is now called the Stardust Cafe. The menu's basically the same as before.

Mark Sept. 11 on your calendar. That's the day you can help Linda Miller celebrate her 50th at the Cinch Saloon from 4 p.m. on. Champagne, food and live music — should be a real blast for the old gal.

Vote for your favorites for the 1992/93 Gay Community Awards on Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. at Kimo's.

Coronation in Portland

Don't forget Emperor Jim and Empress Michelle Craig invite you to Portland's Coronation 1993 — "I Could Have

Danced All Night" — on Oct. 23. Make your reservations early as Empress Jackie is planning a "biggie." Contact her at Marlana's for more info.

Happy birthday to those two "old gals" Aug. 15, and I do mean Greta Grass of Company and Kenny Allison of the Kokpit. Which one do you think is the oldest? I'll never tell ... and you can be sure they won't either.

Yes, I am still doing Mondays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ginger's Trois on Kearny St., so do drop in for a drink, some laughs and who knows what else. Oh yes, I'm also on the plank at Kimo's Wednesday-Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., working with a very Imperial Group. Hope to see you all. ▼

Damning Testimony

Barrack Buddies and Soldier Lovers

by Steven Zeeland; Harrington Park Press, \$14.95

by Marv. Shaw

Hard on the heels of *Coming Out Under Fire* and *Perverts by Official Order* came *Conduct Unbecoming*, crashing immediately into best-sellerdom. In the first, Allen Berube, who contributes an enlightening foreword to *Barrack Buddies and Soldier Lovers*, did a scorching history of gay GIs in the hostile military during World War II, especially after 1942, when homosexuality was officially declared deleterious to service life.

In the second, Lawrence Murphy exposed the devious, bullying tactics of the U.S. Navy in dealing with gays in its midst from the days of World War I and the terrible Newport, R.I. investigation. Then Randy Shilts' encyclopedic compendium of the horrors the Department of Defense has perpetrated on gay service people of both genders in the last ten to 20 years appeared.

Now comes Zeeland, who, while his time-place focus is narrower (U.S. Army and Air Force men serving in Germany in the late '80s and early '90s), has produced stinging evidence of injustice right from the mouths of gay GIs themselves.

Zeeland, a research associate at SF State's Center for Research and Education in Sexuality (CERES), began in 1990 to tape record the responses of young gay soldiers to a consistent but flexible set of questions on what their military experience was doing to them in the tumultuous period of their immediate post-adolescence.

The results are an anthology of raw, vital confessions that make this book's immediate forebears seem like

sanitized academese. Though occasionally reticent or briefly evasive because of the tape recorder, the 16 men interviewed spoke mostly in an informal, often profane vernacular that rings with hard, vulgar reality.

For example, because AIDS had hit broadly and painfully by the time Zeeland started his interviews, he always asked about sex practices. Replied John, who was from a combat unit, "Okay, taking dick in your mouth without a rubber, it's supposed to be safe sex, that's what people tell me. As long as you don't swallow."

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Surprising Exchange

Then Scott, who has remained close to Zeeland state-side, had this exchange with the author:

Zeeland: The idea that you might, in a moment of fleeting pleasure, end your life doesn't concern you.

Scott: Yes it does. Now that you put it that way. But I'm not going to think about it. I'm not going to live my life worrying about catching AIDS. I'm not going to do it. I'm going to be carefree. You only live once.

Zeeland elicited such utter-

ly candid responses mainly because he got close to his subjects socially — and in some cases, sexually. As the testimony accumulates, some of the responses to familiar questions differ, but more often than not, they are similar. Almost without exception, despite differences in rank, politics, racial identification, and other major factors, condemnation of the military's anti-gay stance is both vehement and reasoned. The most repeated argument was that personal worth, as demonstrated by good performance, should be the only determinant of the value of a soldier.

Another parallel was that, although the unfortunate awkwardness and fears of adolescence around sexual orientation often influenced their enlisting, most of the 16 were now ready to get out. And some eventually did either because they were discovered and brought up on charges, or because they voluntarily went to their commanders and declared themselves. While the service environment had made them recognize their sexuality, it also made life impossible to live honestly.

Zeeland draws no conclusions at the end of his book. He assumes the reader will draw his own, although a summary of the issues involved might have been helpful. Also, biases occasionally glare through, especially ageism. Effeminacy gets a slamming. But these are really just the prejudices of young gay guys who think they'd better try to act macho.

Biases or no, Zeeland and his friends have contributed a most valuable addition to the gay community, the armed forces, and the raging national debate on lifting the ban.

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The Human Factor

As You Desire

by Madeline Moore; Spinsters, \$9.95

by Deborah Peifer

As *You Desire* has everything that a good novel needs: fine writing, interesting plot, developed characters, but it lacks, I think, the quality that would make it great. I would say that it has everything except soul. I read with interest but without concern, and even the most horrific moments lacked a human spark.

Elizabeth is a university professor who has traveled to France to put her life into some order after a terrible be-



Author Madeline Moore

and the ideas of that exhilarating season. But the feelings escape her, and the result is interesting but not involving.

"Shortly after my brother's suicide, my mother turned to me one day and said, 'If we hadn't spent so much money on you, this might never have come about.'" But the passage ends there, and the reader is left to imagine Elizabeth's feelings at her mother's cruelty. *As You Desire* has much to recommend it, but I hope that Moore lets the feelings show in her next novel.

trayal. She meets, and seems to be rescued by, a doctor — but a doctor with too many secrets and too much darkness in his past.

The novel is set in Paris at the time of the 1968 student revolution, and Madeline Moore does a fine job of capturing the look, the sound,

As You Desire has everything except soul.

Nineteen Eighty Forced

In the Garden of Dead Cars
by Sybil Claiborne; Cleis Press, \$9.95

by Jim Provenzano

Half the world is dead of a plague. The President tells jokes on TV. People get into fist fights over an orange. Rationing is at an all-time high and a piece of soap is like gold. Yet most imports of new food and products are snapped up by the corrupt "comedians," a stun gun-armed army of pranking policemen, sent to cheer the people into obedience.

This is the desolate, horrid New York prison of Sybil Claiborne's last novel, *In the Garden of Dead Cars* (the author died of cancer in 1992).

Set in a future Manhattan, the book's vision is limited, but looming in its predictions of a post-AIDS plague, in which another virus, casually transmitted and fatal, has wiped out millions. America is cordoned off, and Manhattan is still the poverty-ridden no-escape mess it is now. The classes are further separated between the browbeaten celibate citizens and "carnals" — homeless and squatter types

who still have sex and procreate naturally.

Emma, the young narrator, lives with her mother, a bitter, secretive doctor, who lost her husband to murder during the crazy years, when bodies were piling up in the

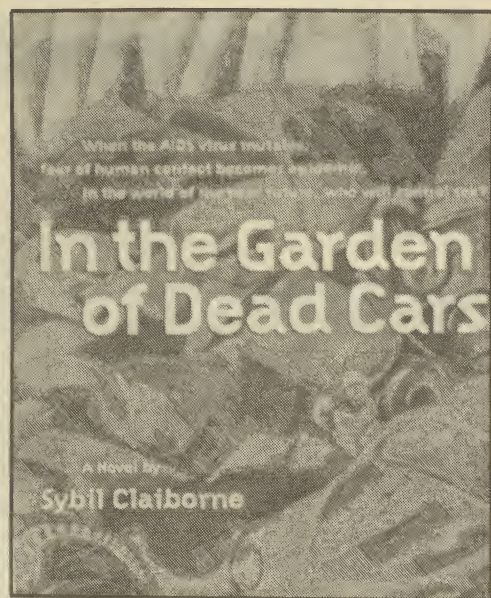
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subways. With the plague in decline (or even gone, some dissidents whisper), she and her cronies sit around discussing what to do about the resultant Puritan/fascist atmosphere where co-workers disappear one day and are forgotten the next.

Lesbian Angle

Meanwhile, Emma and her friend Nettie, after experimenting with a little lesbian love, become estranged from each other, especially when Nettie prepares for her artificial insemination as if it were a visit from God. Emma becomes increasingly distanced from the subservient attitudes of her friends, and has hopes of building an Audi, her dream car, from scraps.

Gay and lesbian people are frequently included as side characters (co-workers, carnals, etc.) and occasionally referenced. That Emma prefers working on cars, and eschews the forced pregnancy, should make her prime dyke material, but she ends up fooling around with Terry, a handsome male co-worker who likes to read depressing poetry. In a section of their workplace, the remains of Central Park, where they toil daily to take apart rotting cars, she and Terry find private moments in a secluded grassy space that Emma calls the Garden of Dead Cars. Their eventual attempt to escape



from New York is both a success and a saddening admission of defeat.

Claiborne borrows freely from other classic future vision works; 1984, *A Clockwork Orange*, even *The Handmaid's Tale*. The derivative atmosphere of doublethink, rations and oppressive mendacity is just too familiar. Also, because her char-

acters' misery is so believable, reading the book can be equally unpleasant. But it's not too farfetched a future vision, given a paranoid conservative administration and the chaos theory as applied to viruses. Despite the doldrums of the setting, Claiborne is able to sculpt a message with a potential for change amidst misery. ▼

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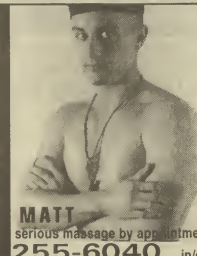
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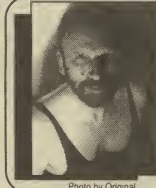
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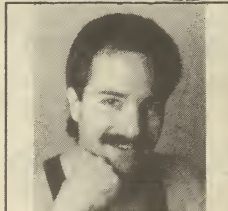
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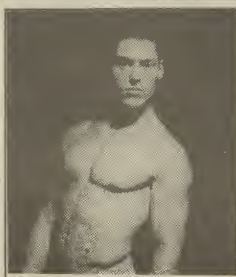
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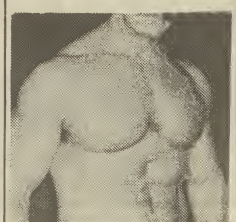


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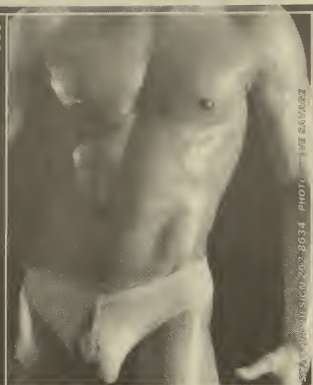
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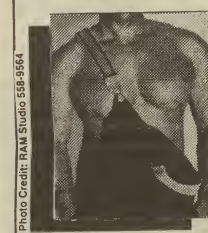
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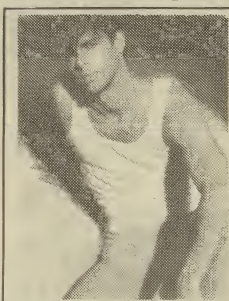


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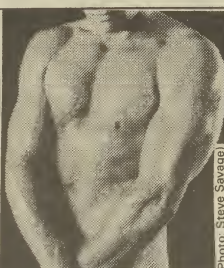
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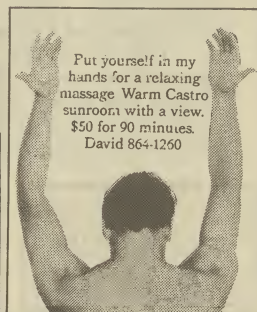
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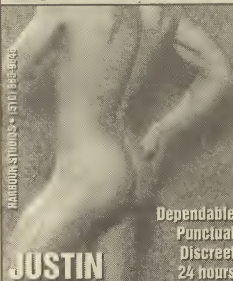
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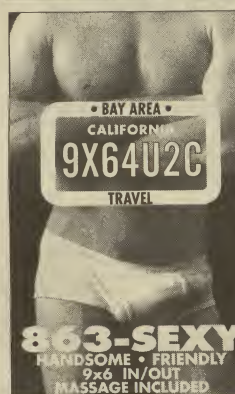
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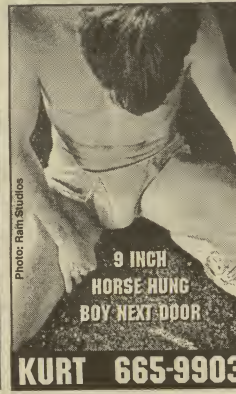


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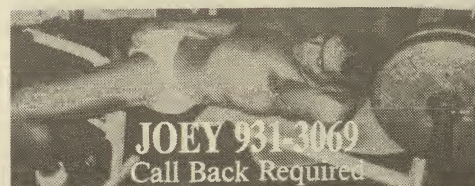
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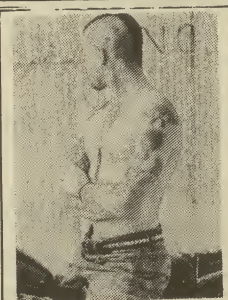


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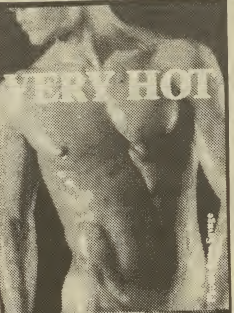
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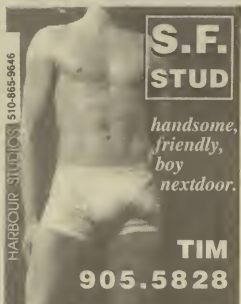
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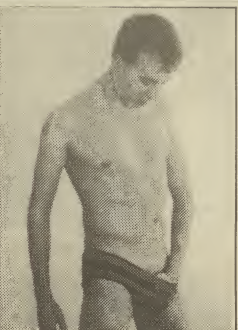
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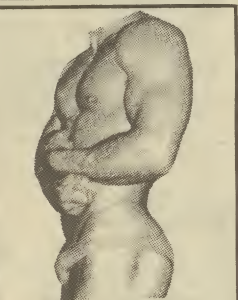
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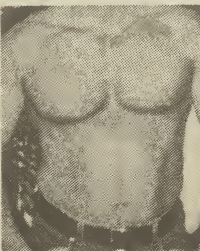
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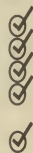


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